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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

FRIENDS AND FOES

MARVEL



Did you hear? Everything is back to normal for Peter Parker. He's back together with Spider-Man after being split in a freak lab accident. He's also back together with Mary Jane (though not in the same way), and things are going great. He's even back together with former roommate Randy Robertson (in a different way from the previous two things), and it's going great...If you ignore their other roommate, Fred Myers, A.K.A. the criminal Boomerang. Come to think of it, I guess everything ISN'T normal, since the Kingpin is still mayor of New York City and Kraven the Hunter (with help from Black Ant and Taskmaster) is up to something strange that isn't just hunting Spider-Man. But apart from that, things are totally status quo, and Spider-Man's villains have all been dealt with and won't be a problem for the foreseeable future.



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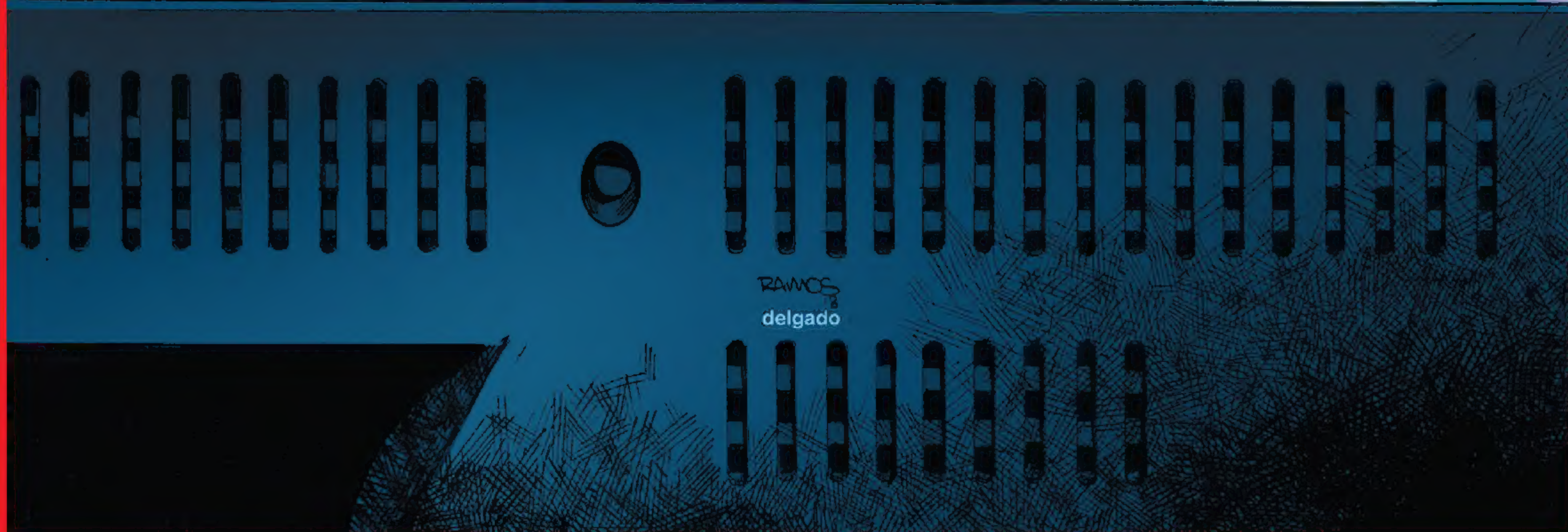
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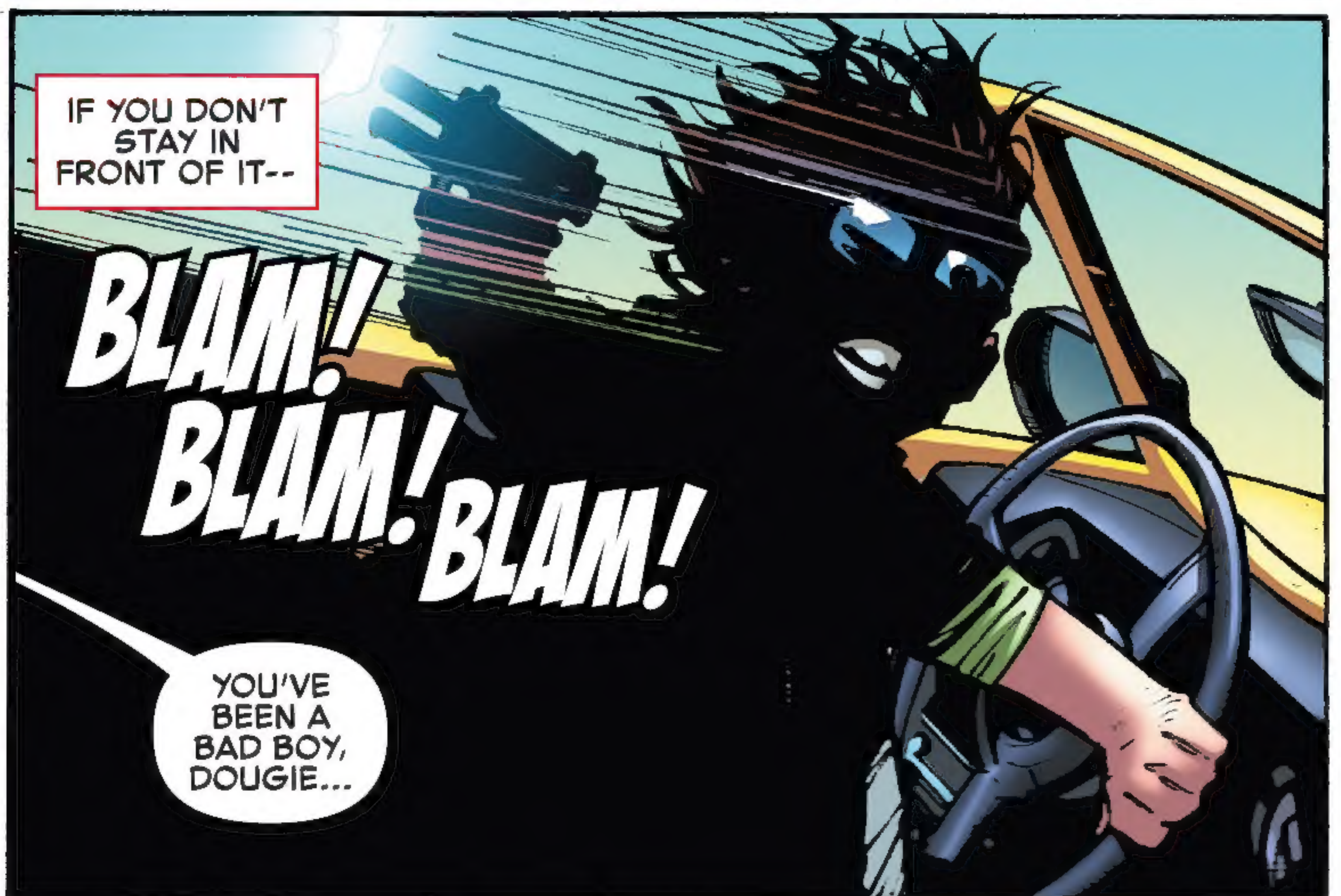
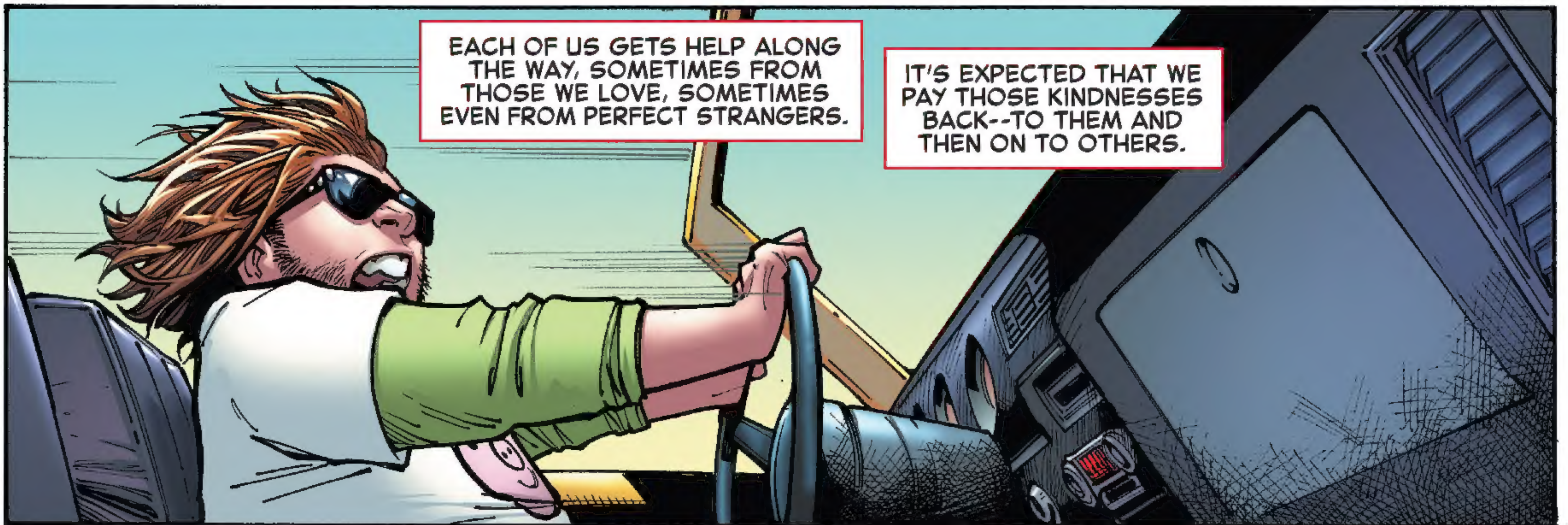
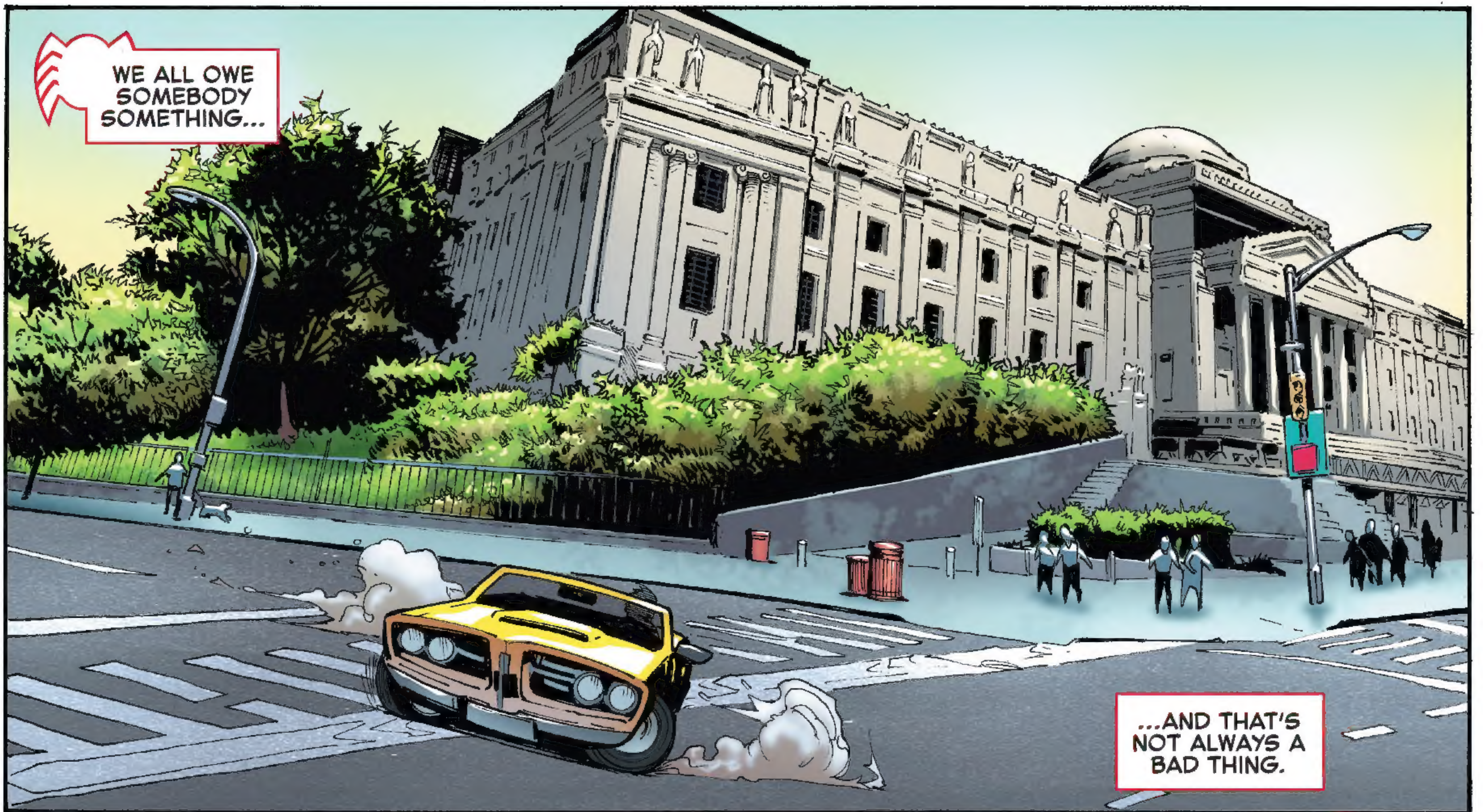
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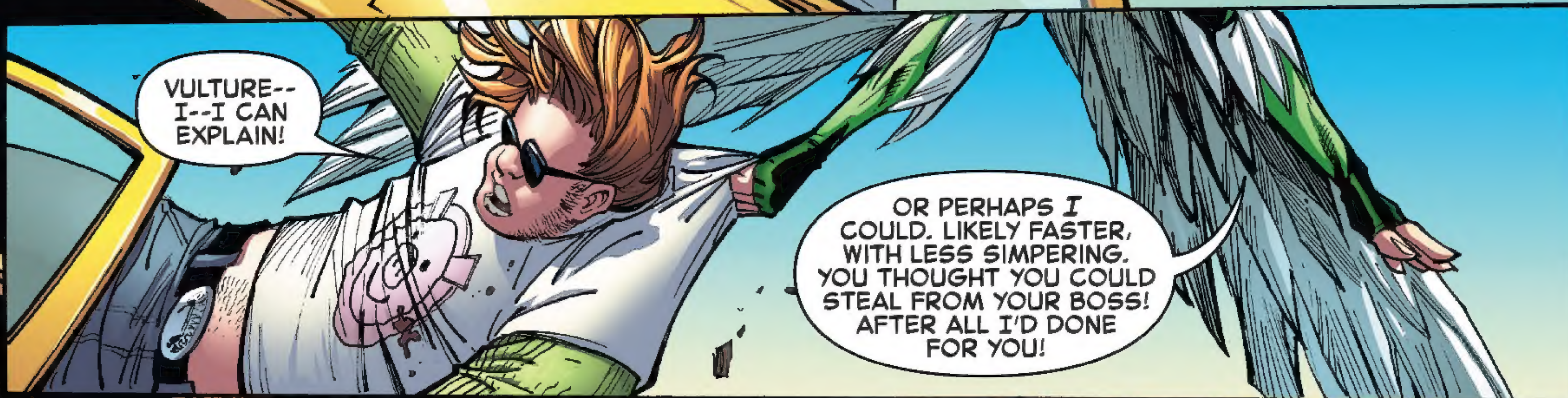






...UNCLE
VULTURE NEEDS
TO HAVE A CHAT
WITH YOU!

--IT'S EASY TO
WIND UP IN OVER
YOUR HEAD.



VULTURE--
I--I CAN
EXPLAIN!

OR PERHAPS I
COULD. LIKELY FASTER,
WITH LESS SIMPERING.
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD
STEAL FROM YOUR BOSS!
AFTER ALL I'D DONE
FOR YOU!



BUT YOU
SHOULD'VE KNOWN,
DOUGIE--I WAS WATCHING
YOU. WATCHING YOU
LIKE A--A--

HAWK?

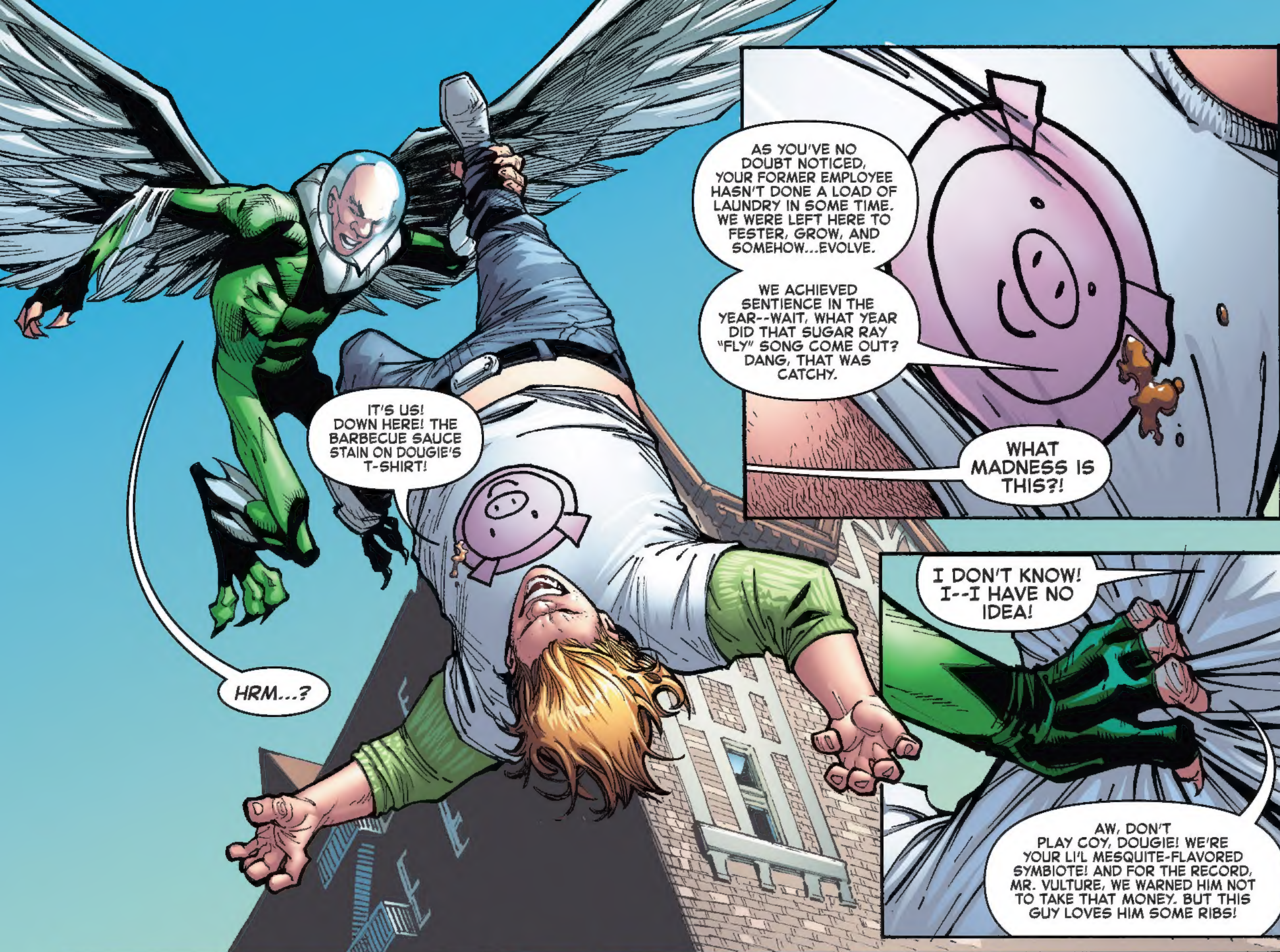
WRONG!

NOW,
TIME TO
DIE!



WAIT,
DON'T KILL
US, TOO!

...WHO
IS THAT?
WHO'S
THERE?!

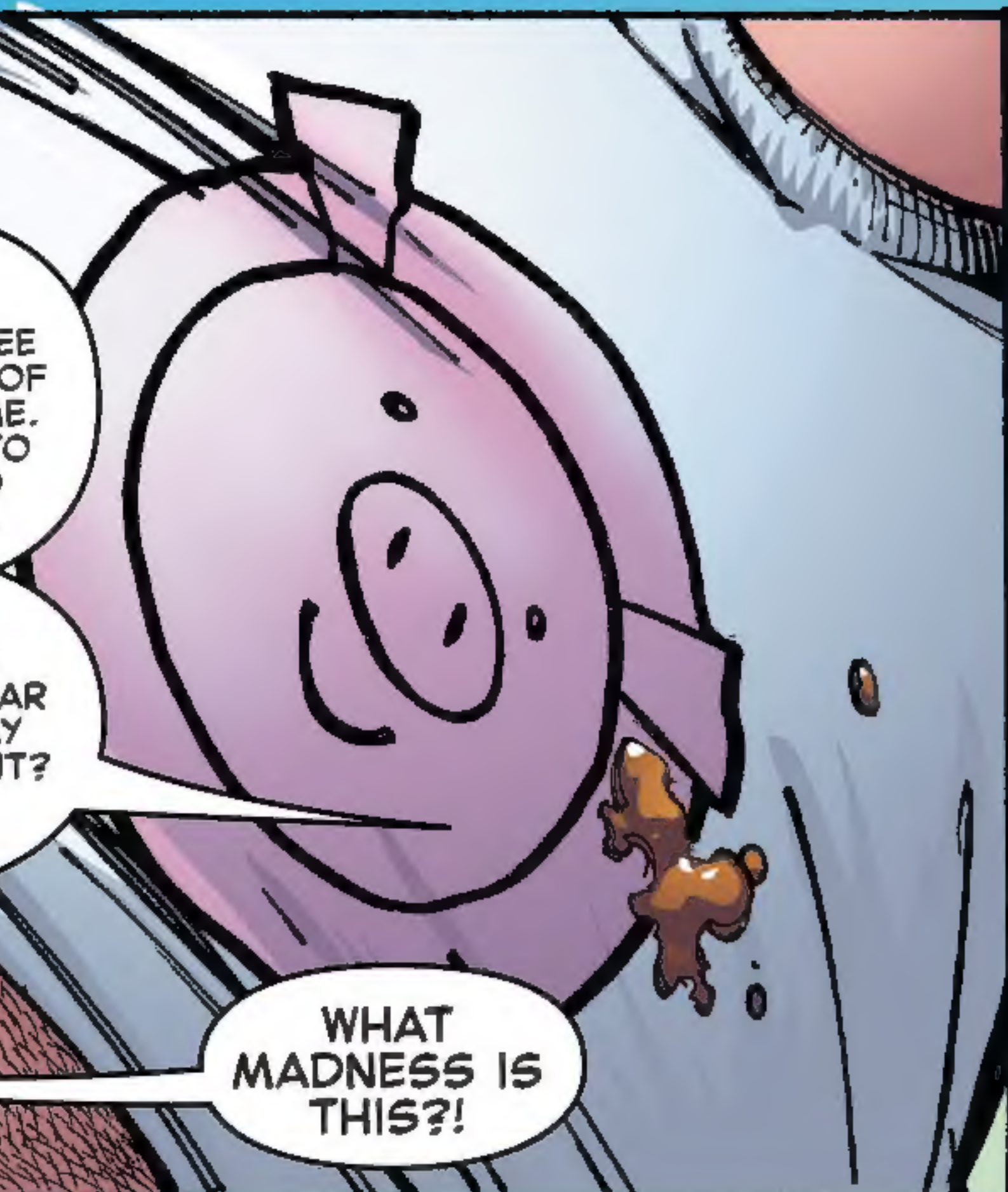


AS YOU'VE NO DOUBT NOTICED, YOUR FORMER EMPLOYEE HASN'T DONE A LOAD OF LAUNDRY IN SOME TIME. WE WERE LEFT HERE TO FESTER, GROW, AND SOMEHOW...EVOLVE.

WE ACHIEVED SENTIENCE IN THE YEAR--WAIT, WHAT YEAR DID THAT SUGAR RAY "FLY" SONG COME OUT? DANG, THAT WAS CATCHY.

IT'S US! DOWN HERE! THE BARBECUE SAUCE STAIN ON DOUGIE'S T-SHIRT!

HRM...?



WHAT MADNESS IS THIS?!



I DON'T KNOW! I--I HAVE NO IDEA!

AW, DON'T PLAY COY, DOUGIE! WE'RE YOUR LI'L MESQUITE-FLAVORED SYMBIOTE! AND FOR THE RECORD, MR. VULTURE, WE WARNED HIM NOT TO TAKE THAT MONEY. BUT THIS GUY LOVES HIM SOME RIBS!



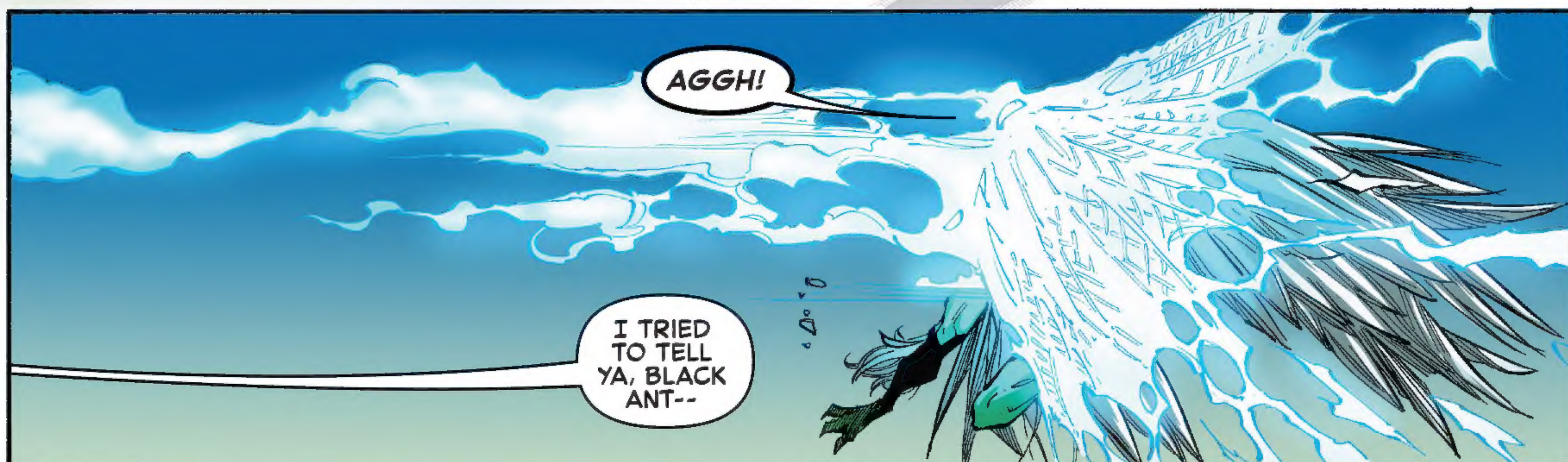
ENOUGH! I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF TRICKS YOU PLAY--THE PRICE OF BETRAYAL IS DEATH!



AW, SERIOUSLY?



I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT WAS JUST WEIRD ENOUGH TO WORK.



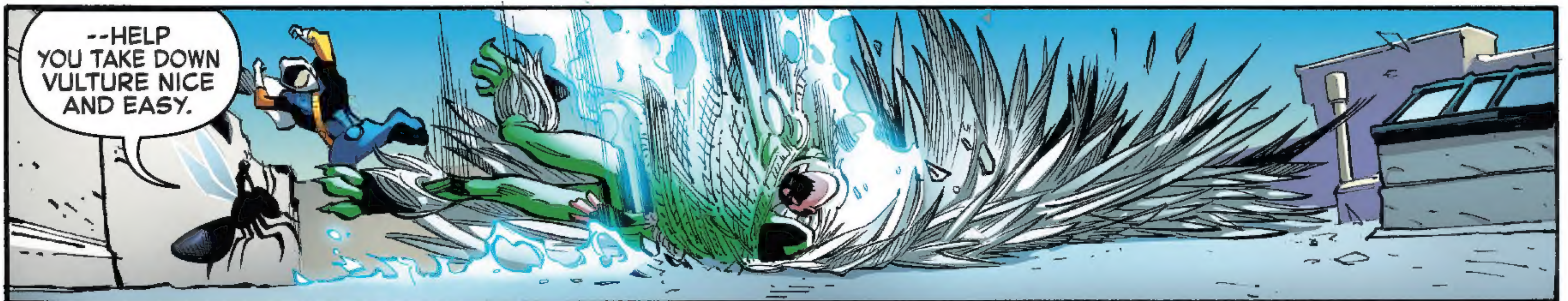
AGGH!

I TRIED TO TELL YA, BLACK ANT--

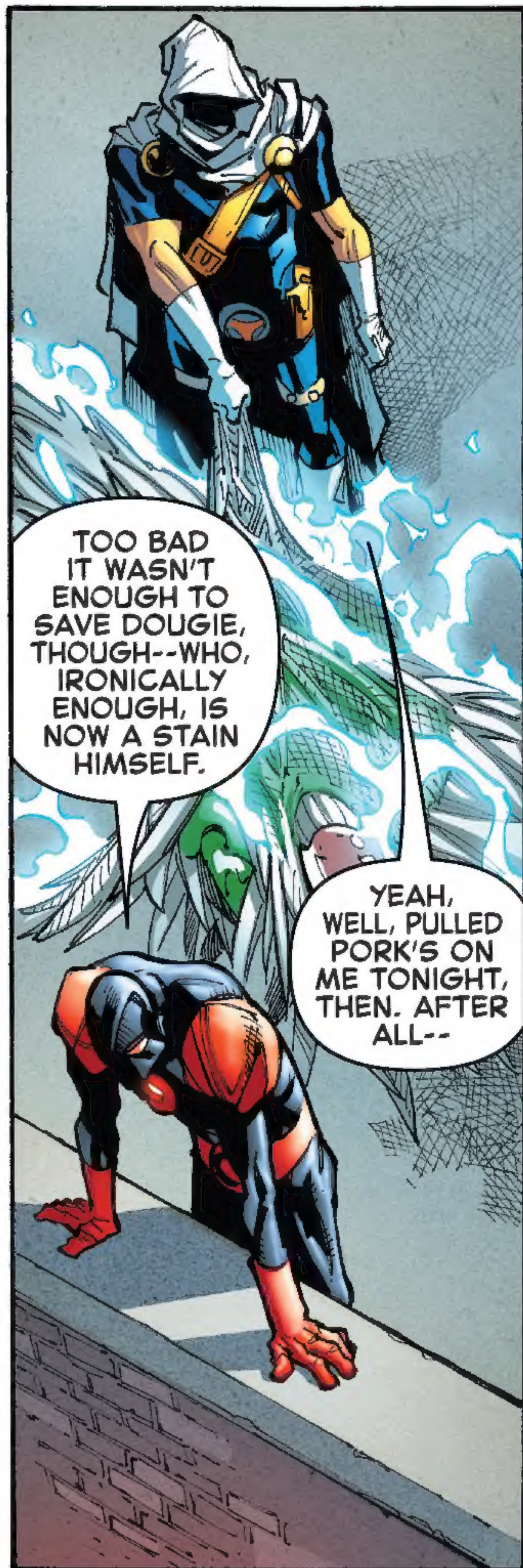


--NO WAY THAT STAIN BIT WOULD PLAY. TOO ABSURDIST. LOOK AT THE AGE OF YOUR AUDIENCE. GUY AIN'T LAUGHED SINCE VAUDEVILLE.

THERE'S GOTTA BE ROOM IN THIS BIZ FOR MORE THAN A PITHY ONE-LINER, TASKMASTER. AND BESIDES, IT GAVE YOU TIME TO GET INTO POSITION--

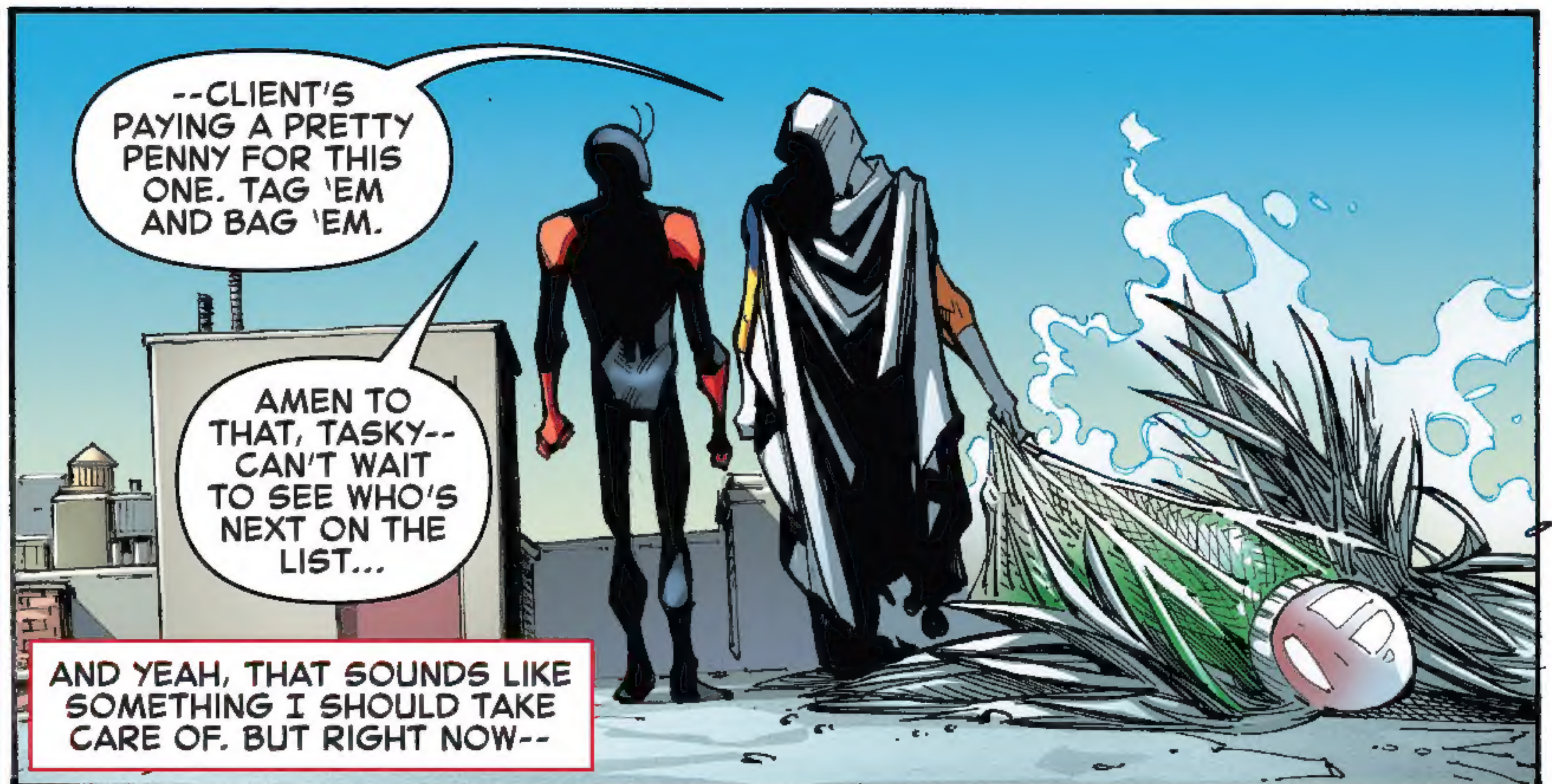


--HELP YOU TAKE DOWN VULTURE NICE AND EASY.



TOO BAD IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO SAVE DOUGIE, THOUGH--WHO, IRONICALLY ENOUGH, IS NOW A STAIN HIMSELF.

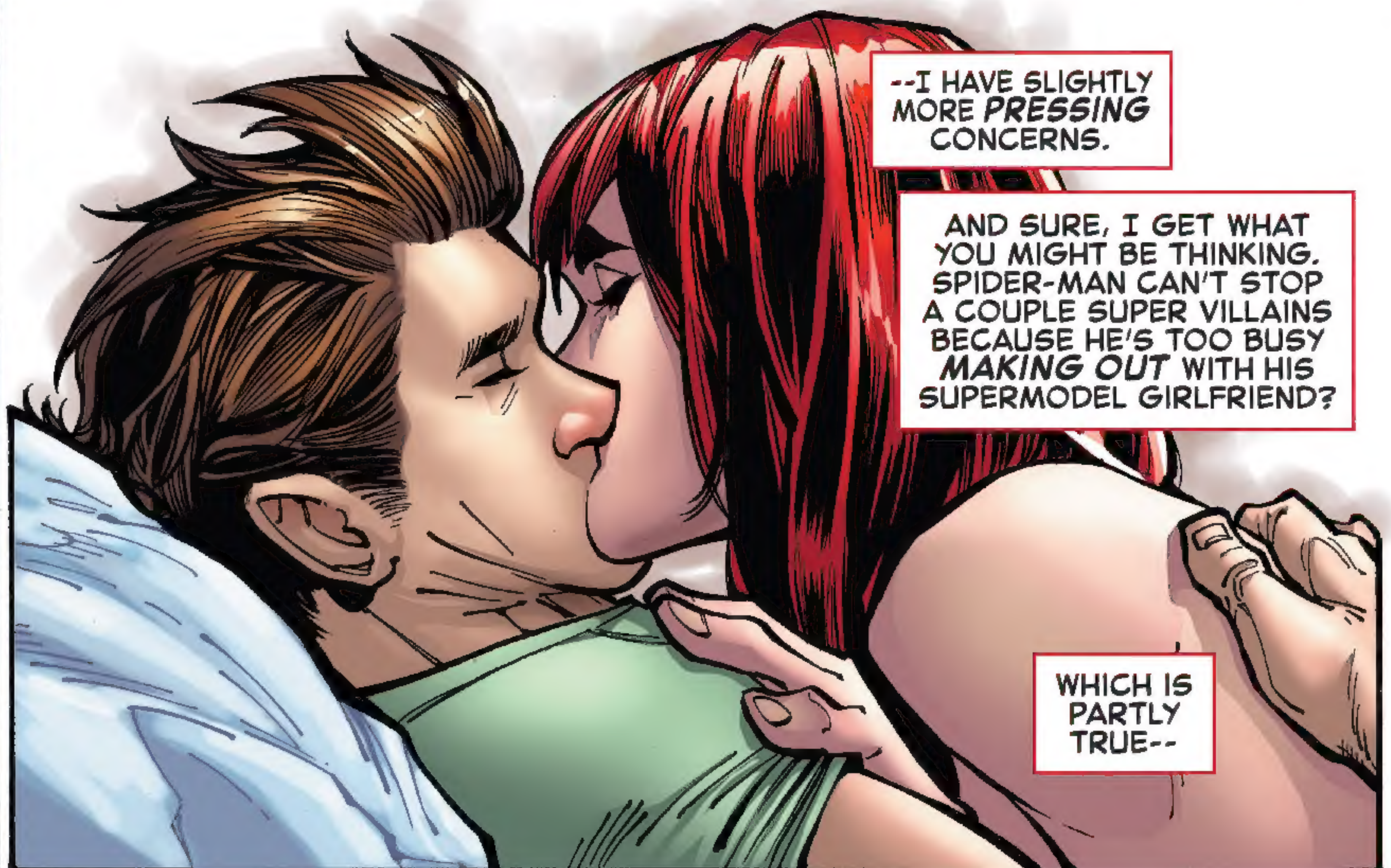
YEAH, WELL, PULLED PORK'S ON ME TONIGHT, THEN. AFTER ALL--



--CLIENT'S PAYING A PRETTY PENNY FOR THIS ONE. TAG 'EM AND BAG 'EM.

AMEN TO THAT, TASKY-- CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHO'S NEXT ON THE LIST...

AND YEAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF. BUT RIGHT NOW--



--I HAVE SLIGHTLY MORE **PRESSING** CONCERNS.

AND SURE, I GET WHAT YOU MIGHT BE THINKING. SPIDER-MAN CAN'T STOP A COUPLE SUPER VILLAINS BECAUSE HE'S TOO BUSY **MAKING OUT** WITH HIS SUPERMODEL GIRLFRIEND?

WHICH IS **PARTLY TRUE--**



--BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT, I PROMISE!

YOU OKAY, TIGER? YOU SEEM A LITTLE *DISTRACTED*. WHICH I CAN TAKE PERSONALLY IF YOU'D LIKE.

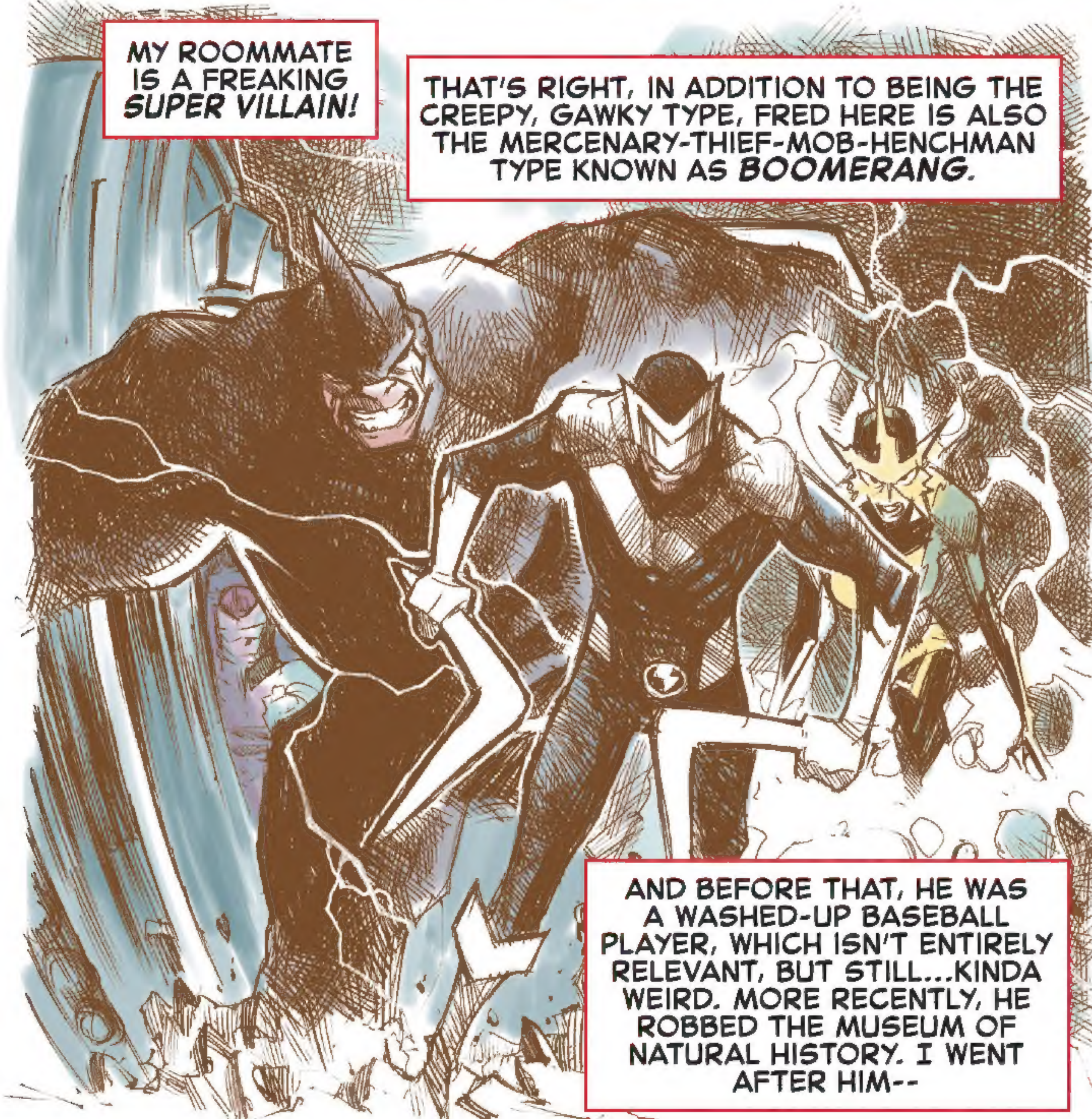
SORRY, MJ, IT'S NOT YOU-- I JUST CAN'T SHAKE THIS WEIRD FEELING. IT'S LIKE--



--SOMEONE IS WATCHING US.
FRED.

OH HEY, PETE. I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU THERE.

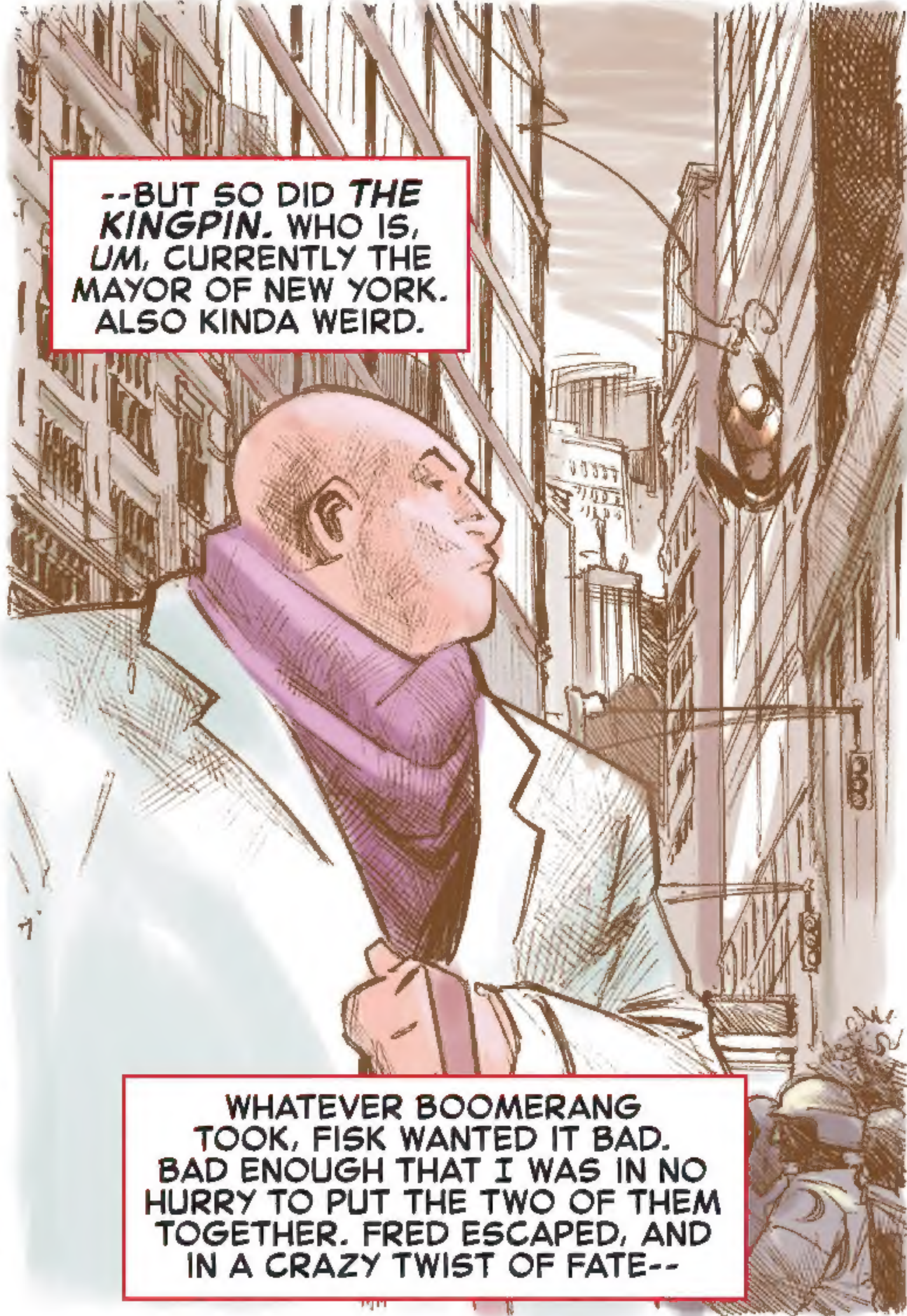
BECAUSE YEAH, THERE MIGHT BE SUPER VILLAINS OUT THERE ON THE STREETS, BUT KEEP IN MIND, I GOT MY HANDS FULL RIGHT HERE, SEEING AS--AND I KNOW I'M A BROKEN RECORD ON THIS FRONT--



MY ROOMMATE IS A FREAKING **SUPER VILLAIN!**

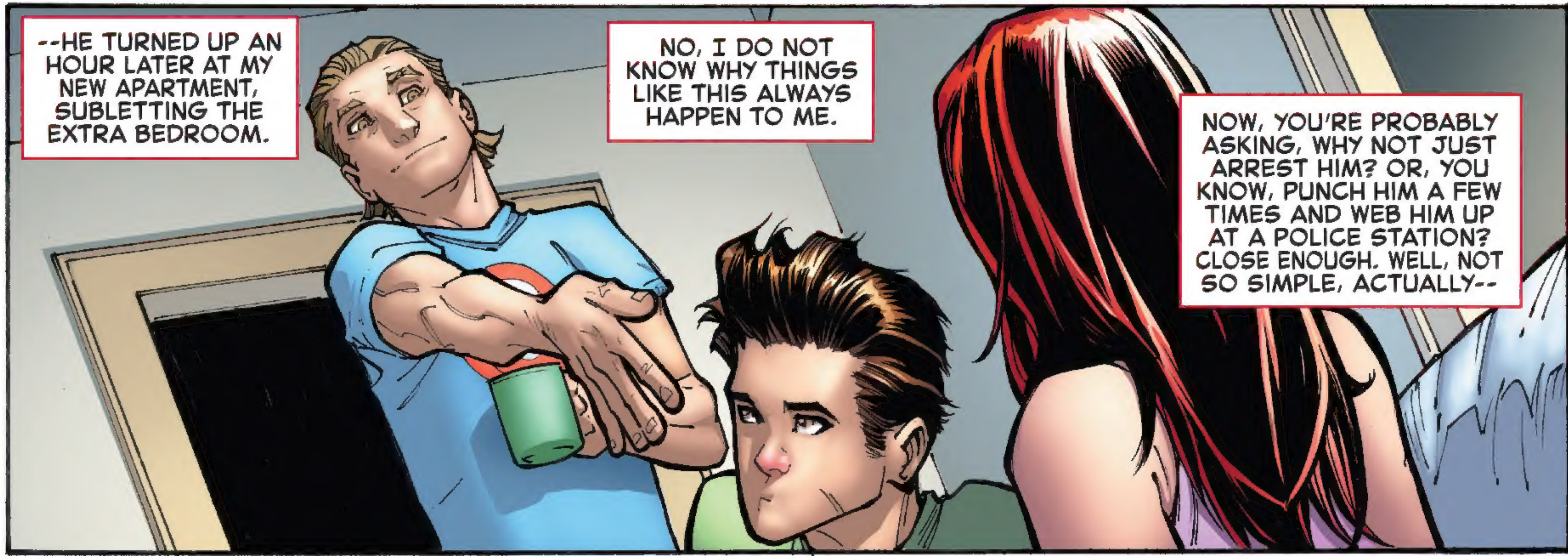
THAT'S RIGHT, IN ADDITION TO BEING THE CREEPY, GAWKY TYPE, FRED HERE IS ALSO THE MERCENARY-THIEF-MOB-HENCHMAN TYPE KNOWN AS **BOOMERANG**.

AND BEFORE THAT, HE WAS A WASHED-UP BASEBALL PLAYER, WHICH ISN'T ENTIRELY RELEVANT, BUT STILL...KINDA WEIRD. MORE RECENTLY, HE ROBBED THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. I WENT AFTER HIM--



--BUT SO DID **THE KINGPIN**. WHO IS, UM, CURRENTLY THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK. ALSO KINDA WEIRD.

WHATEVER BOOMERANG TOOK, FISK WANTED IT BAD. BAD ENOUGH THAT I WAS IN NO HURRY TO PUT THE TWO OF THEM TOGETHER. FRED ESCAPED, AND IN A CRAZY TWIST OF FATE--



--HE TURNED UP AN HOUR LATER AT MY NEW APARTMENT, SUBLETTING THE EXTRA BEDROOM.

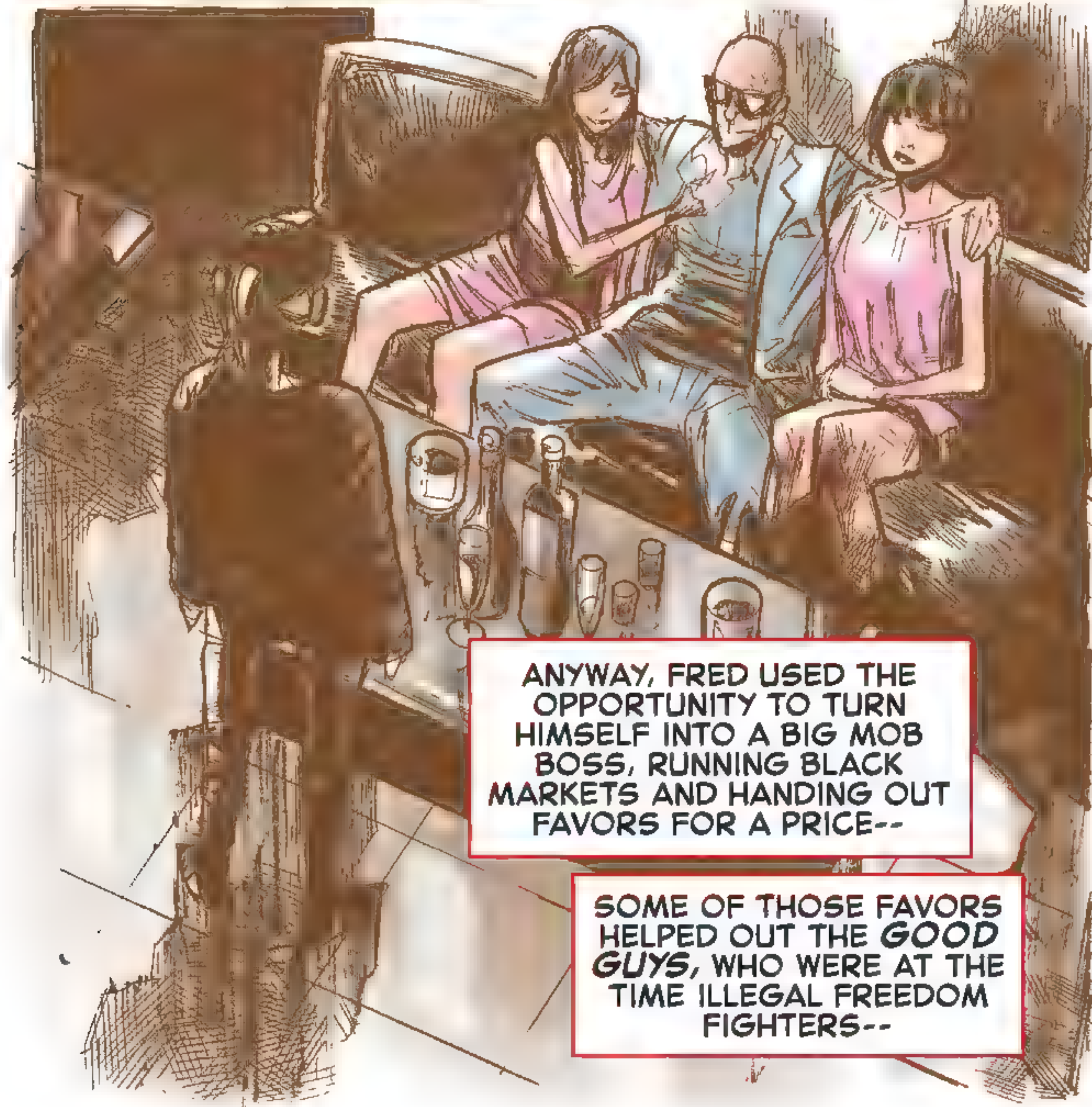
NO, I DO NOT KNOW WHY THINGS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME.

NOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY ASKING, WHY NOT JUST ARREST HIM? OR, YOU KNOW, PUNCH HIM A FEW TIMES AND WEB HIM UP AT A POLICE STATION? CLOSE ENOUGH. WELL, NOT SO SIMPLE, ACTUALLY--



SEE, A LITTLE WHILE BACK, HYDRA TOOK OVER THE UNITED STATES.

DON'T ASK ME HOW THAT HAPPENED-- I WAS IN EUROPE FOR MOST OF IT.



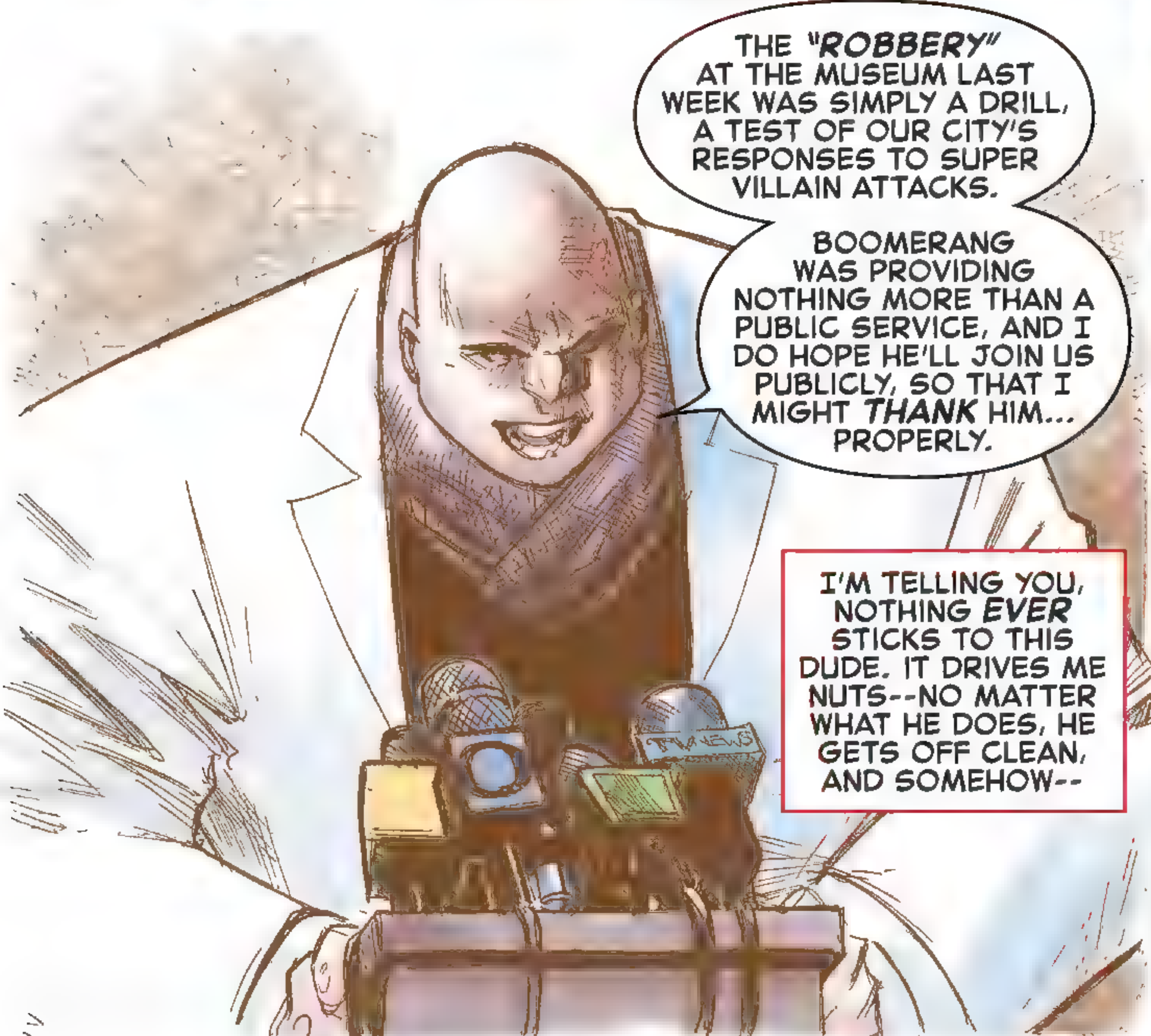
ANYWAY, FRED USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TURN HIMSELF INTO A BIG MOB BOSS, RUNNING BLACK MARKETS AND HANDING OUT FAVORS FOR A PRICE--

SOME OF THOSE FAVORS HELPED OUT THE **GOOD GUYS**, WHO WERE AT THE TIME ILLEGAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS--



--MEANING WHEN HYDRA GOT OVERTHROWN, HE CASHED IN THOSE DEBTS, EARNING HIMSELF A COMPLETE PARDON FOR EVERY CRIME HE'D EVER COMMITTED.

NOW, EVEN THE KINGPIN KEEPS LETTING HIM OFF THE HOOK FOR SOME REASON--



THE "**ROBBERY**" AT THE MUSEUM LAST WEEK WAS SIMPLY A DRILL, A TEST OF OUR CITY'S RESPONSES TO SUPER VILLAIN ATTACKS.

BOOMERANG WAS PROVIDING NOTHING MORE THAN A PUBLIC SERVICE, AND I DO HOPE HE'LL JOIN US PUBLICLY, SO THAT I MIGHT **THANK** HIM... PROPERLY.

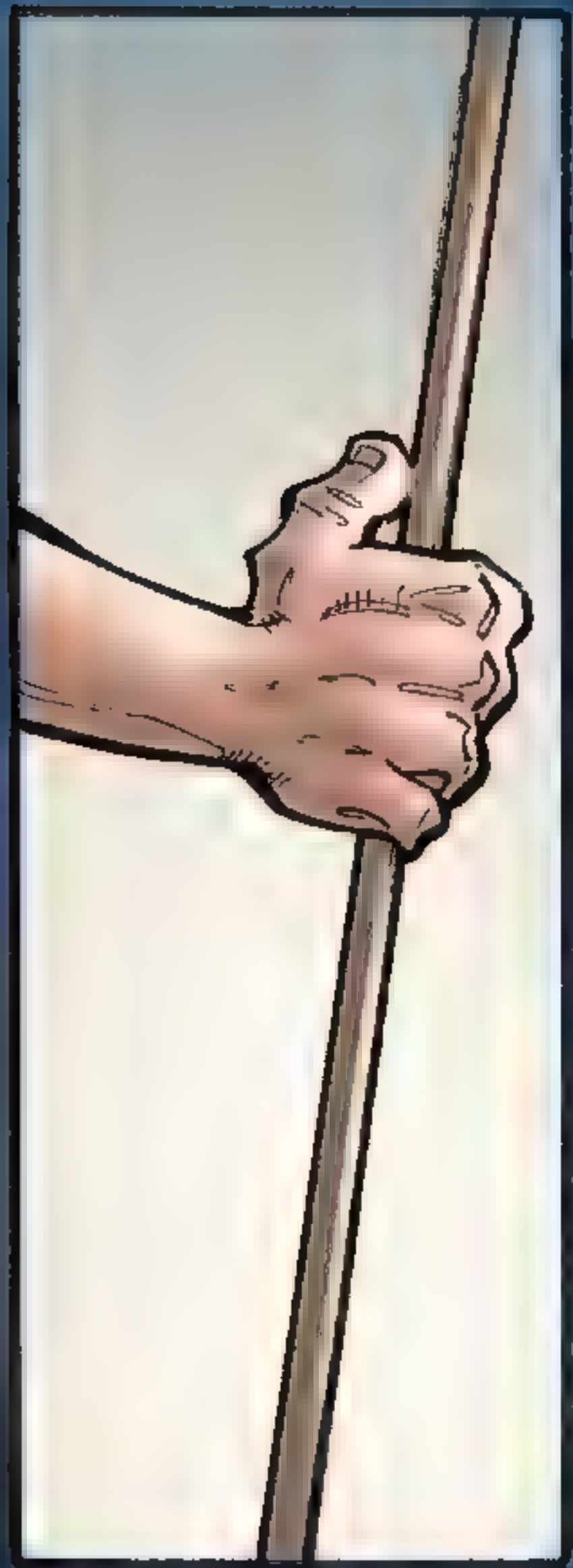
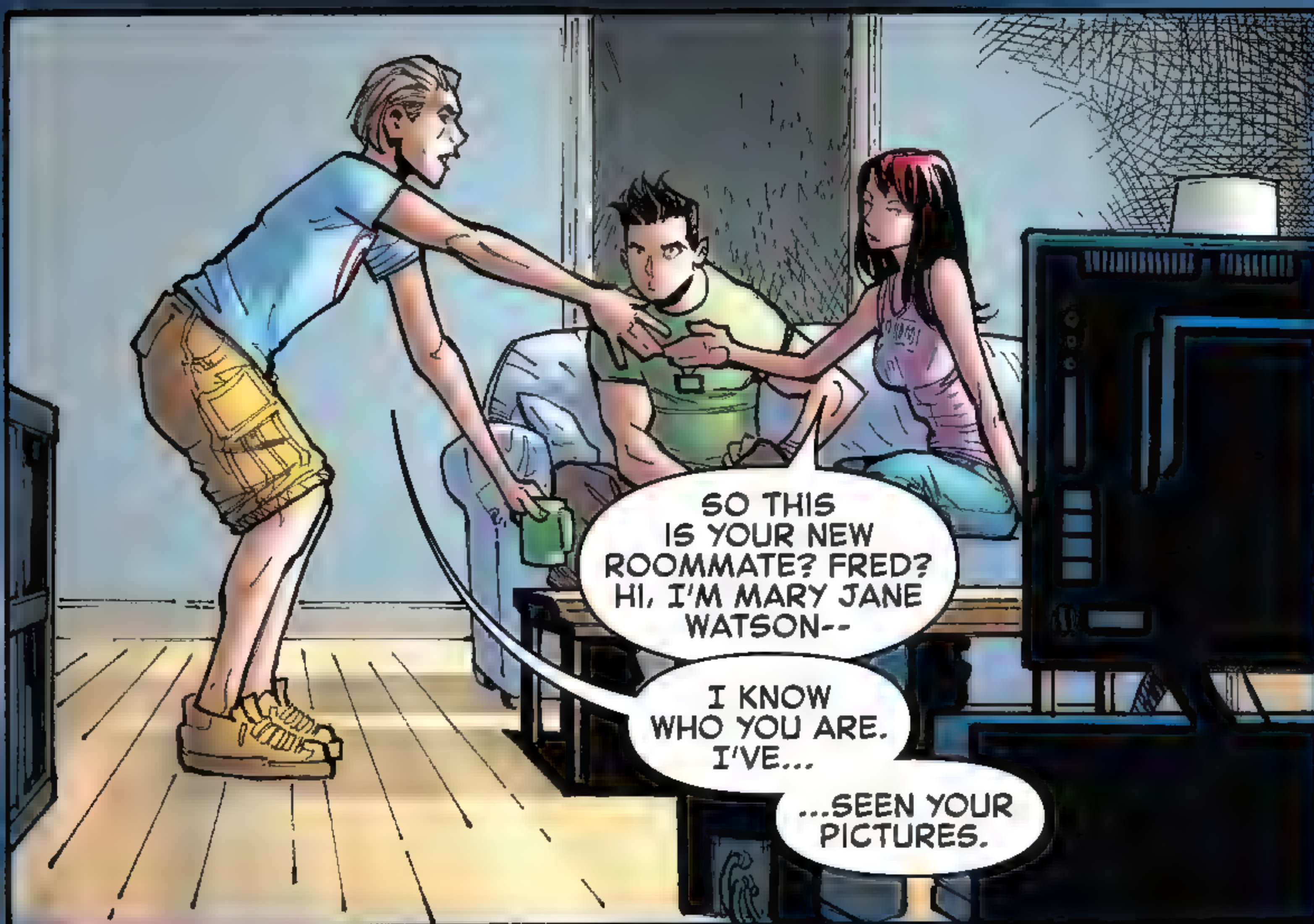
I'M TELLING YOU, NOTHING **EVER** STICKS TO THIS DUDE. IT DRIVES ME NUTS--NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES, HE GETS OFF CLEAN, AND SOMEHOW--



--I'M THE BAD GUY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, FRED?!

EASY, TIGER--

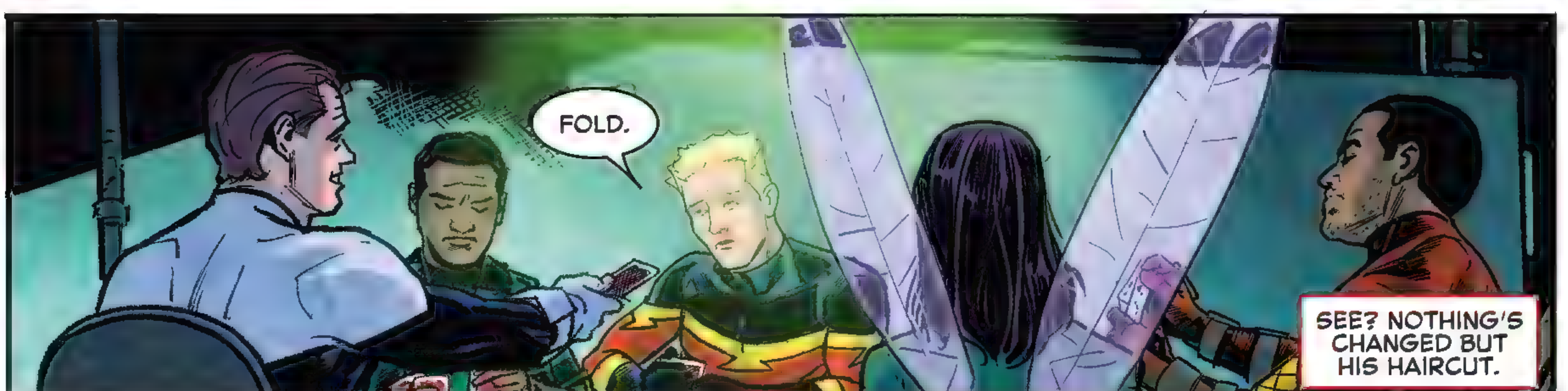
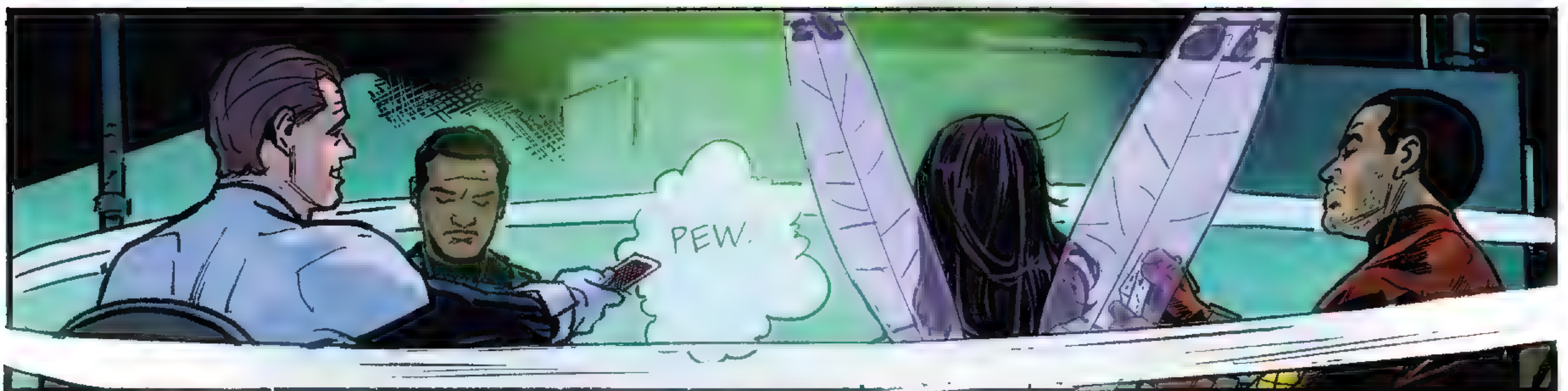
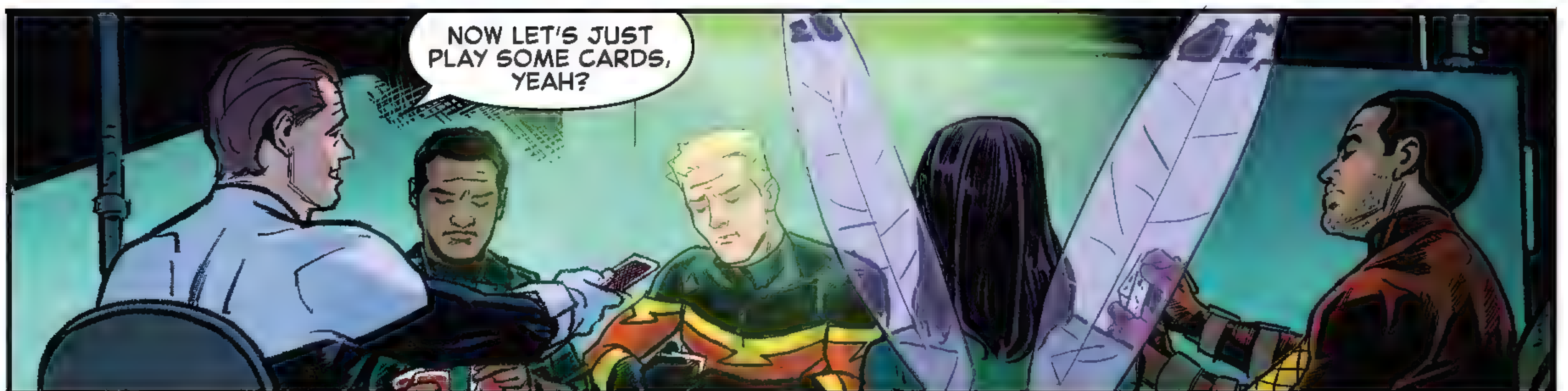
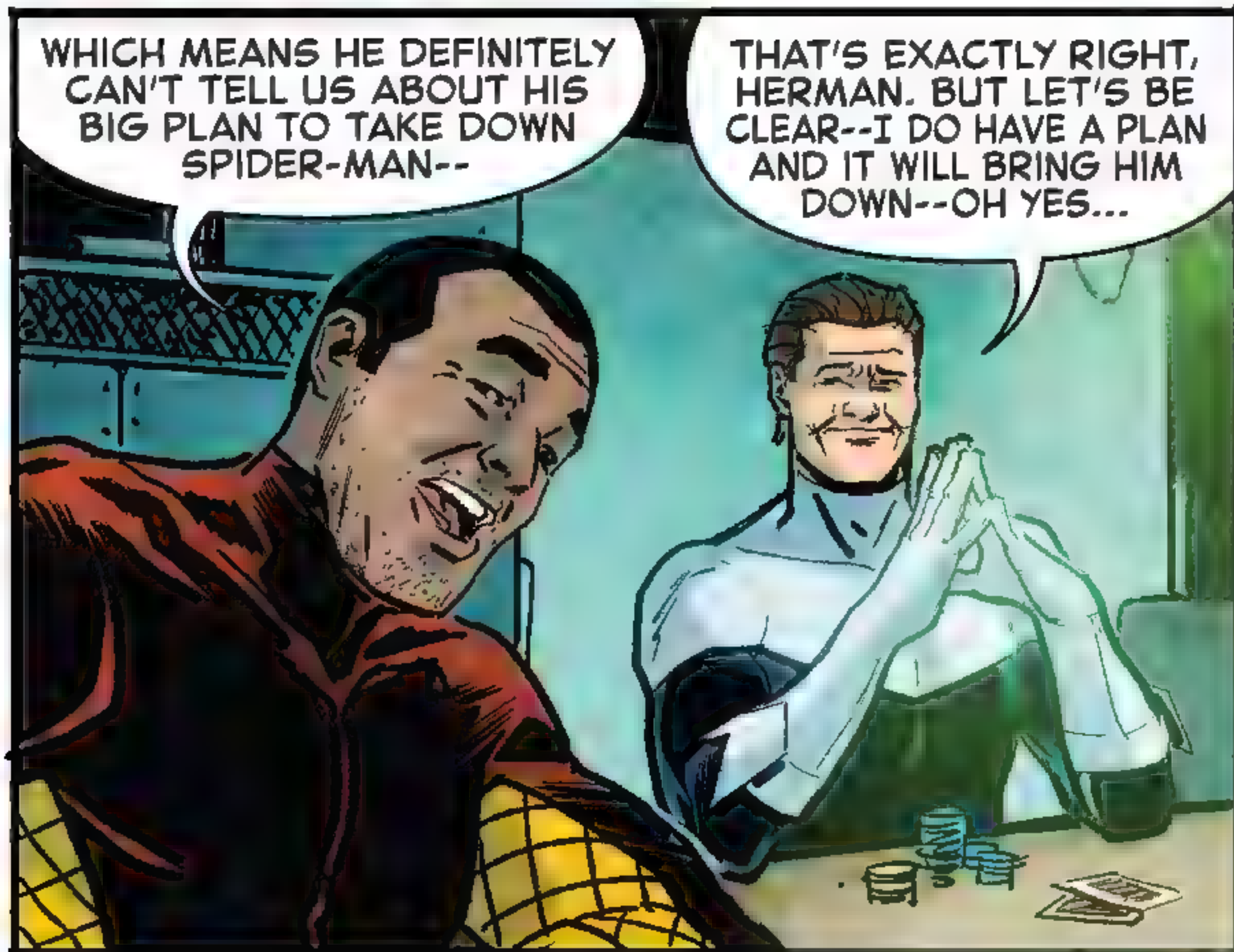
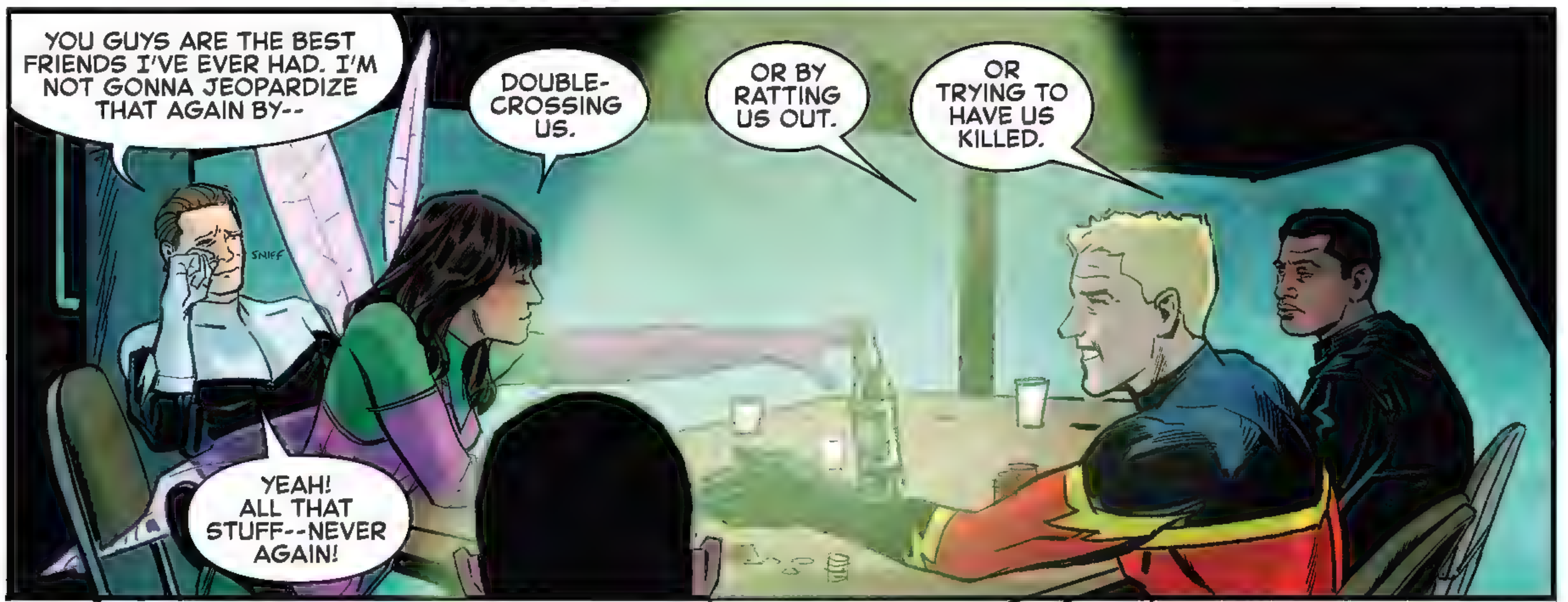


THANKFULLY IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE HIS TRUE COLORS START SHINING THROUGH. I FOLLOW THE TRACER TO AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE...









PROBLEM IS, NOBODY BELIEVES ME! NOT EVEN MY OTHER ROOMMATE, RANDY ROBERTSON!

I DON'T GET IT, PETE, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH FRED? HE HAS BASEBALL STORIES, AND HE HAS SUPER VILLAIN STORIES. HE'S A HIT AT PARTIES!

YOU KINDA SKATED BY THE KEY WORD THERE, RANDY--SUPER VILLAIN.

HE'S REFORMED! GUY WENT STRAIGHT.

OH, COME ON--WHEN DO THEY EVER ACTUALLY GO STRAIGHT?

LIKE HALF THE AVENGERS USED TO BE BAD GUYS.

YEAH, BUT BESIDES THEM!

PETE, COME ON--THE GUY IS A WAR HERO. HE WAS PART OF THE RESISTANCE!

HE RAN A WING JOINT!

AND I HEARD THEY WERE DELICIOUS! LOOK, HE'S TRYING TO GET BACK ON HIS FEET. WE HAVE TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE--

SIGH I GET IT, RANDY. YOU'RE A SOCIAL WORKER--I KNOW YOU BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES. SO DO I. BUT TRUST ME, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE FRED GOES BACK TO A LIFE OF CRIME.

HE'S ALREADY USING ALL MY TOWELS.

SOMEBODY SAY "TOWELS"?

'CAUSE THE ONES IN THE BATHROOM ARE GETTIN' A LITTLE RANK. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO LOAN ME SOME QUARTERS--

HEY, WHY THE DOWN FACES, ROOMIES?

OH, NO REASON, FRED--

JUST SETTLING SOMETHING.

I HEAR YA, PAL. YOU KNOW, IT REMINDS ME OF THIS TIME I HAD A FRIENDLY TUSSELE WITH SPIDER-MAN DOWN BY THE CHELSEA PIERS--

OOH, THIS IS A GOOD ONE--

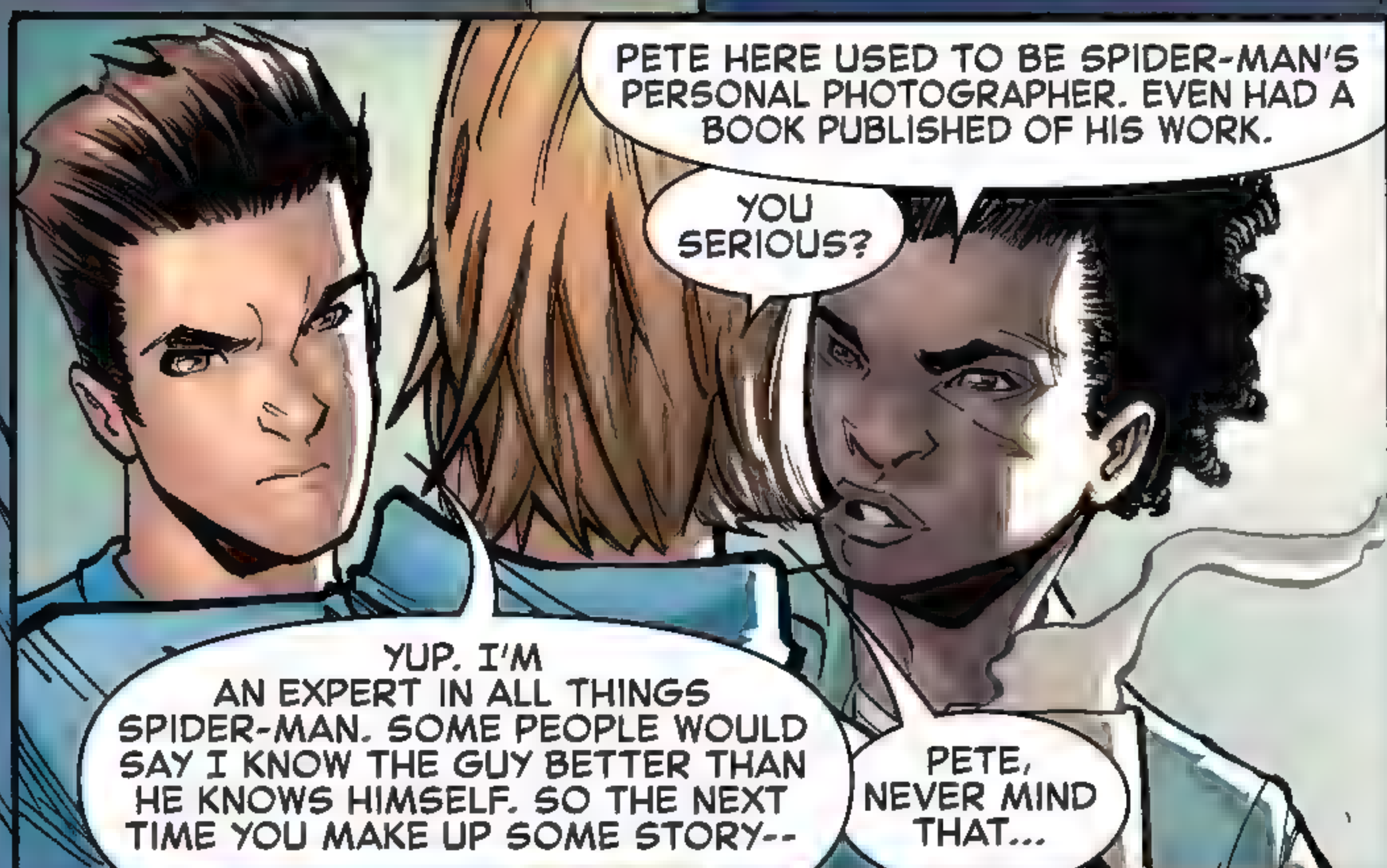


SEE, SPIDER-MAN HAD HIS CAPTAIN UNIVERSE POWERS AT THE TIME, WHICH MADE HIM TOUGHER THAN USUAL TO DEFEAT--

WAIT A SECOND, SPIDER-MAN DIDN'T HAVE CAPTAIN UNIVERSE POWERS THEN, THEY WERE LONG GONE--

HUH? HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM, PETE?



PETE HERE USED TO BE SPIDER-MAN'S PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER. EVEN HAD A BOOK PUBLISHED OF HIS WORK.

YOU SERIOUS?

YUP. I'M AN EXPERT IN ALL THINGS SPIDER-MAN. SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY I KNOW THE GUY BETTER THAN HE KNOWS HIMSELF. SO THE NEXT TIME YOU MAKE UP SOME STORY--

PETE, NEVER MIND THAT...



YOU NEED TO COME WITH ME.

AN HOUR LATER.



WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!

PETE, STOP STRESSING. YOU *TRUST* ME DON'T YOU?

I DO NOT.

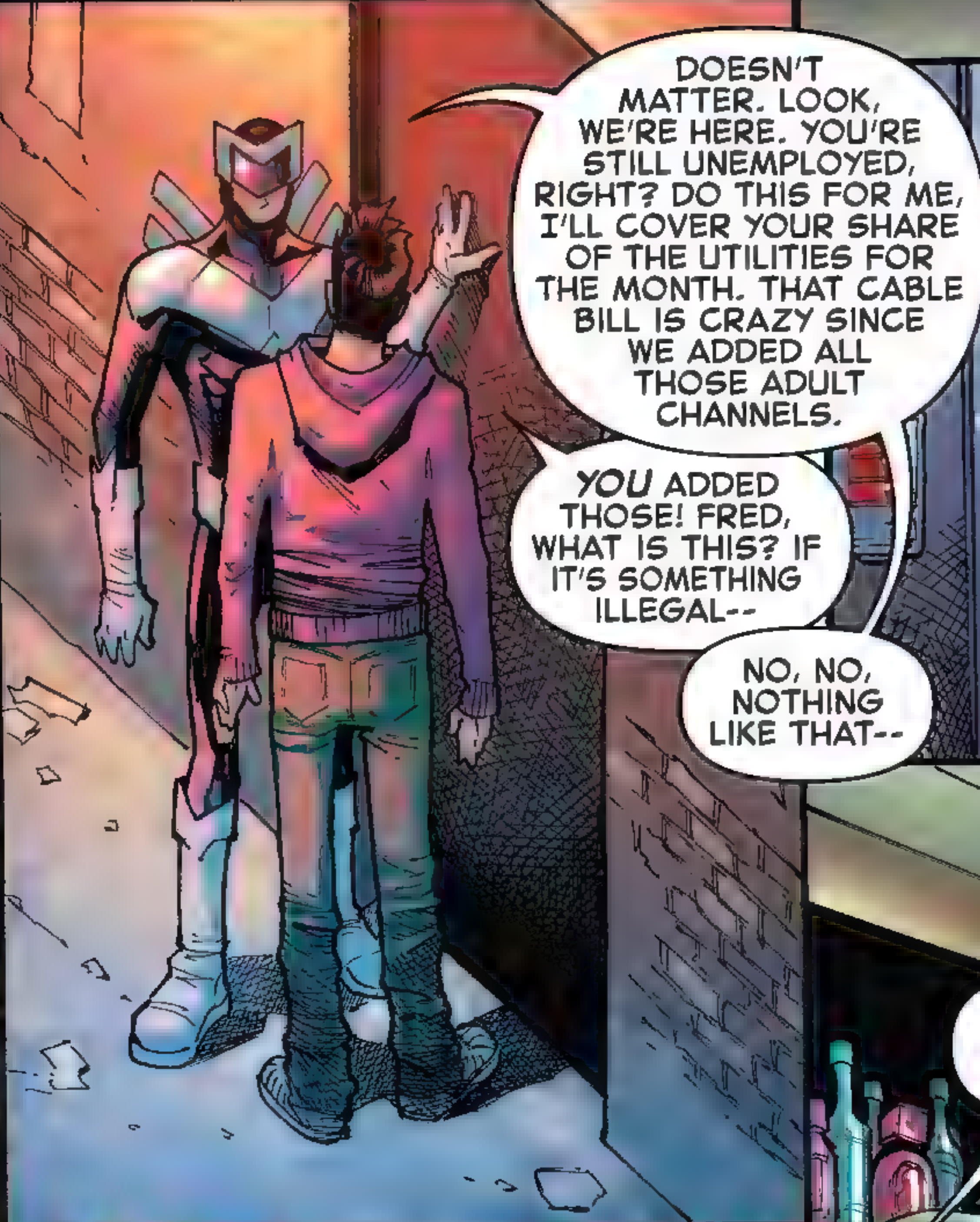


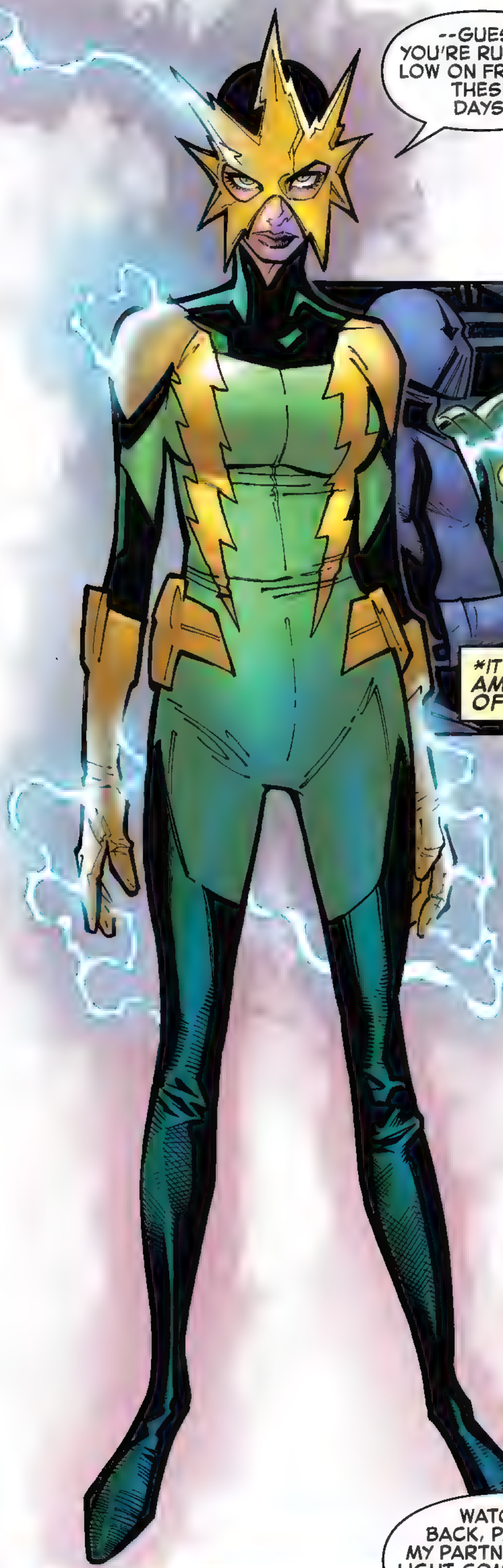
IS THIS ABOUT ME FORMERLY BEING A BADASS HIRED-GUN, ROUGHLY HANDSOME SUPER VILLAIN? BECAUSE I TOLD YOU, THAT'S ALL BEHIND ME.

YOU'RE WEARING YOUR COSTUME RIGHT NOW!

I JUST NEED TO WEAR IT FOR *THIS*. IT'S KIND OF A RULE.

A RULE FOR WHAT?





--GUESS YOU'RE RUNNING LOW ON FRIENDS THESE DAYS.



ELECTRO! THANK HEAVEN! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!



DON'T EVEN TRY IT, MYERS. YOU SOLD US OUT AFTER THE MUSEUM JOB, LEFT US AT FISK'S MERCY.*

I THOUGHT I WAS DOING YOU A FAVOR! HE'S THE KINGPIN--THAT'S VALUABLE FACE TIME. IT'S NOT EASY TO GET A FOOT IN THE DOOR WITH THAT DUDE!

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YEAH? MAYBE I SHOULD SHOW YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM--

WATCH IT NOW, ELECTRA WITH AN AWKWARD "C," OR I WON'T GIVE YOU A GOOD REFERENCE--

THAT'S ENOUGH! BREAK IT UP--

YOU TWO KNOW THE RULES! OUTSIDE THESE WALLS, YOU CAN BRAWL ALL YOU WANT. KILL EACH OTHER FOR ALL I CARE. BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN HERE--



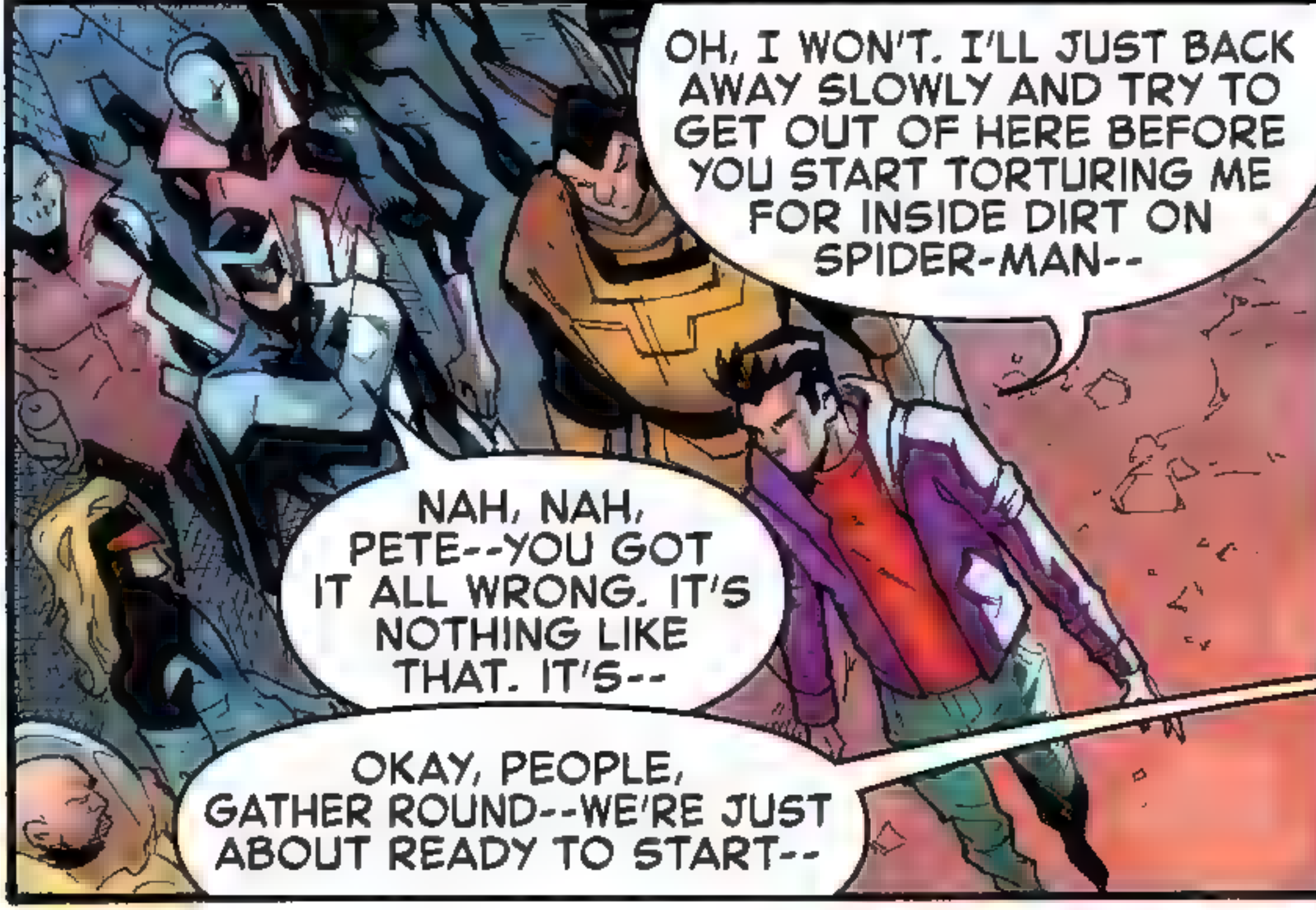
NO FIGHTING. SORRY, DEKE... GUESS THIS GUY JUST BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN EVERYONE.

WATCH YOUR BACK, PAL. ME AND MY PARTNERS GOT OFF LIGHT COMPARED TO HIS OLD GANG. ASK AROUND.



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.



OH, I WON'T. I'LL JUST BACK AWAY SLOWLY AND TRY TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU START TORTURING ME FOR INSIDE DIRT ON SPIDER-MAN--

NAH, NAH, PETE--YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG. IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT. IT'S--

OKAY, PEOPLE, GATHER ROUND--WE'RE JUST ABOUT READY TO START--



WHIRR--CLICK--
GREETINGS,
FLESHLINGS--

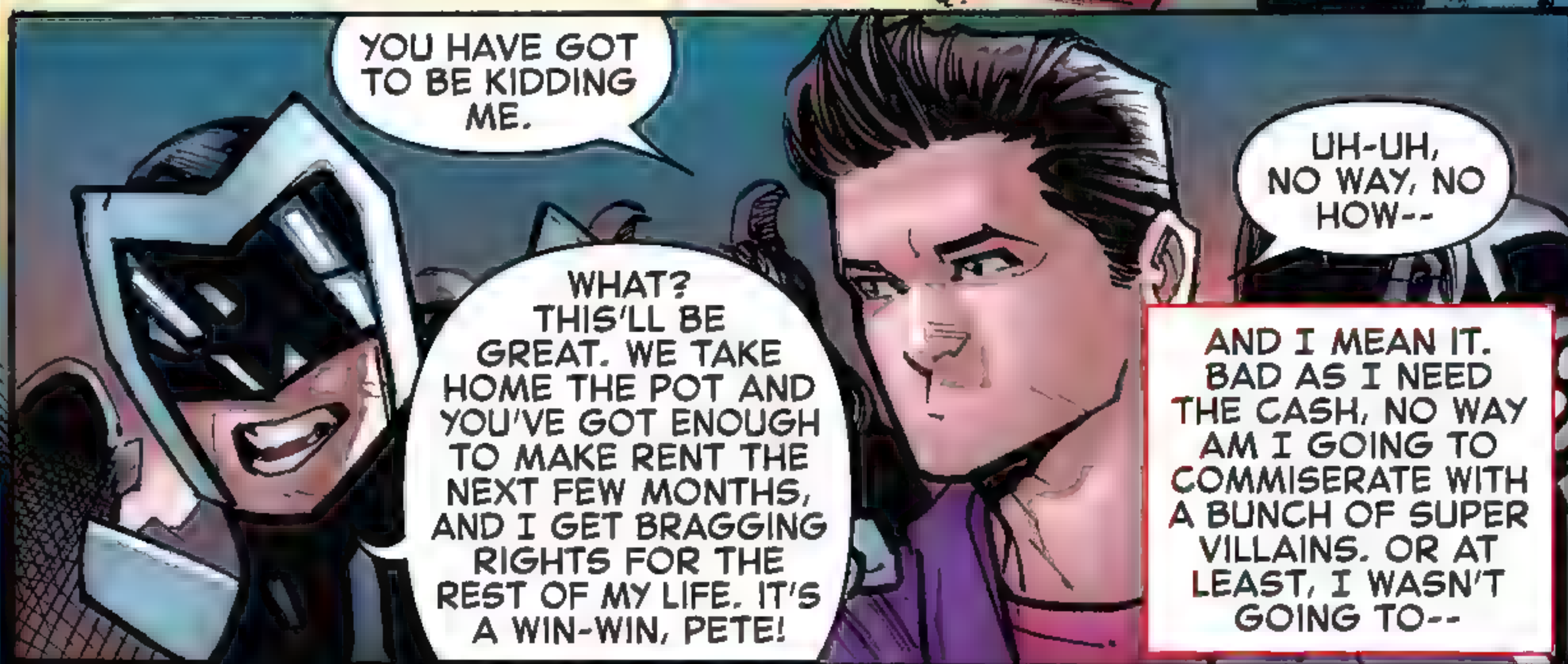
I'M
YOUR HOST,
THE ANSWER,
AND THIS IS MY
LOVELY ASSOCIATE,
**THE LIVING
BRAIN--**

--WHICH IS
DEFINITELY NOT
A CHINESE-MADE
KNOCKOFF OF THE
LIVING BRAIN,
NO SIR--



WE'VE GOT
SOME SERIOUS
CASH PRIZES LINED UP
TONIGHT, THANKS TO
OUR SPONSORS AT
**KINGSLEY
LIMITED--**

--SO HANDS
ON THOSE
BUZZERS,
PEOPLE!



YOU HAVE GOT
TO BE KIDDING
ME.

UH-UH,
NO WAY, NO
HOW--

WHAT?
THIS'LL BE
GREAT. WE TAKE
HOME THE POT AND
YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH
TO MAKE RENT THE
NEXT FEW MONTHS,
AND I GET BRAGGING
RIGHTS FOR THE
REST OF MY LIFE. IT'S
A WIN-WIN, PETE!

AND I MEAN IT.
BAD AS I NEED
THE CASH, NO WAY
AM I GOING TO
COMMISERATE WITH
A BUNCH OF SUPER
VILLAINS. OR AT
LEAST, I WASN'T
GOING TO--



UNTIL
I CATCH
THIS--

YEAH, GONNA BE A BIG-TIME JOB.
GRAB THE HOSTAGES, CLEAR OUT
THE VAULT, QUICK AND EASY--BASILISK
WILL BE HERE IN AN HOUR TO GO
OVER THE DETAILS.

SOME KIND OF BIG SCORE IN
THE WORKS, WITH INNOCENT
PEOPLE AT RISK--

--AND IF I STICK AROUND
LONG ENOUGH, MAYBE I
CAN GET ENOUGH INTEL TO
STOP IT. HOW AM I SUPPOSED
TO WALK AWAY FROM THAT?
DAMN MY PROPORTIONAL
HEARING OF A SPIDER!



AND THEN THERE'S
ONE **OTHER** THING--



OKAY, FIRST
QUESTION.

NO ONE
GOT THIS LAST
TIME, LET'S SEE IF WE
HAVE BETTER LUCK
TONIGHT--

WHICH OF
GALACTUS/
HERALDS DID
SPIDER-MAN ONCE
DEFEAT WITH HIS
BARE HANDS?

THESE
QUESTIONS
ARE SO EASY!



SERIOUSLY,
HOW DO
THEY NOT
KNOW THIS?

THESE PEOPLE--THEY SWEAR UP AND DOWN
THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET THEIR REVENGE
ON ME SOMEDAY, AND YET THEY CAN'T
EVEN BOTHER TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK!



IS
IT SILVER
SURFER?



"IS IT SILVER
SURFER?!"
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?!

LIVING
BRAIN, WHAT
SAY YOU?



WHIR--CLICK--
INCORRECT!

OUTTA
MY WAY, ALL
OF YOU--GIVE
ME THAT
THING--



BZZT



IT WAS FIRELORD!
AND IT WAS TOTALLY
AWESOME!

AMAZING!
OUR FIRST
POINT IS ON
THE BOARD!

WHIR--CLICK--
CORRECT!

WOW,
CHECK OUT
THE NEW
GUY!

REALLY
KNOWS HIS
STUFF!



AND FROM HERE ON, I AM
NOT PROUD TO ADMIT--

DEXTER
BENNET.



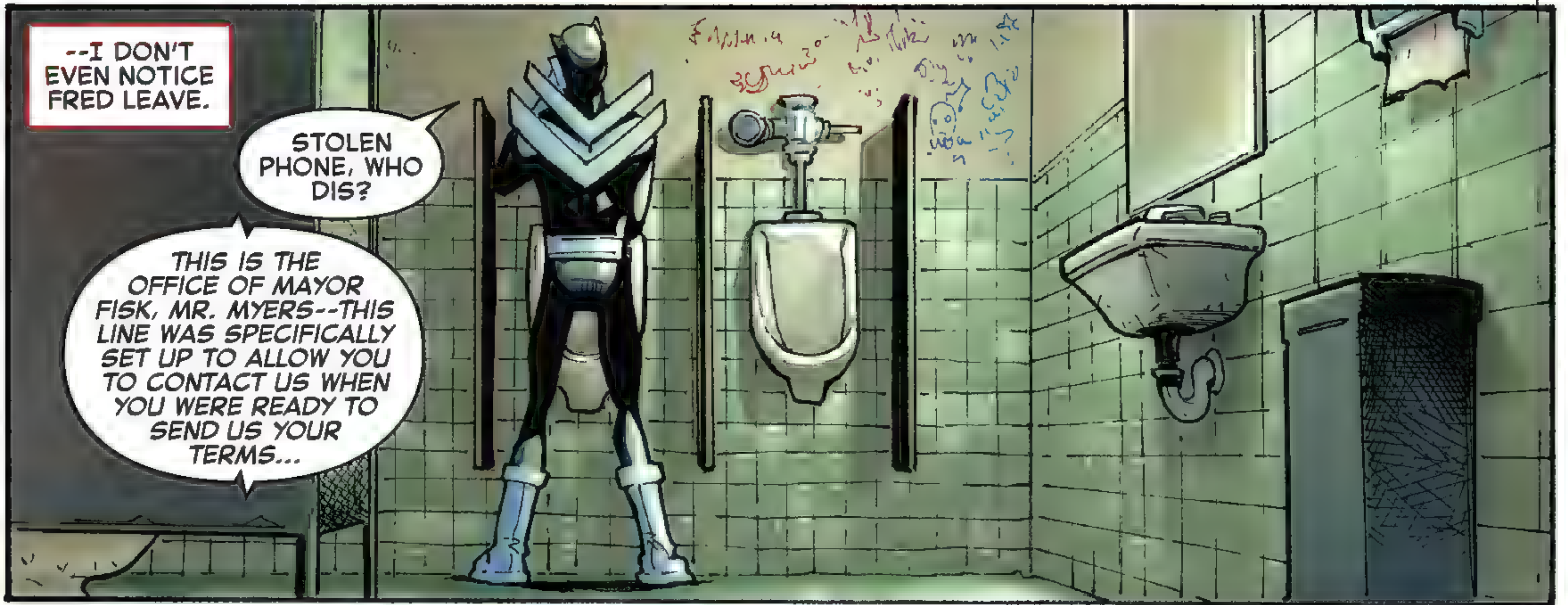
--I MAYBE GOT A
LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.

PROFESSOR
VASQUEZ
WITH THE
ERSKINE
PAPERS.



WILL.
O.
THE
WISP.

SO
CARRIED
AWAY, IN
FACT--



--I DON'T
EVEN NOTICE
FRED LEAVE.

STOLEN
PHONE, WHO
DIS?

THIS IS THE
OFFICE OF MAYOR
FISK, MR. MYERS--THIS
LINE WAS SPECIFICALLY
SET UP TO ALLOW YOU
TO CONTACT US WHEN
YOU WERE READY TO
SEND US YOUR
TERMS...



OH
YEAH?

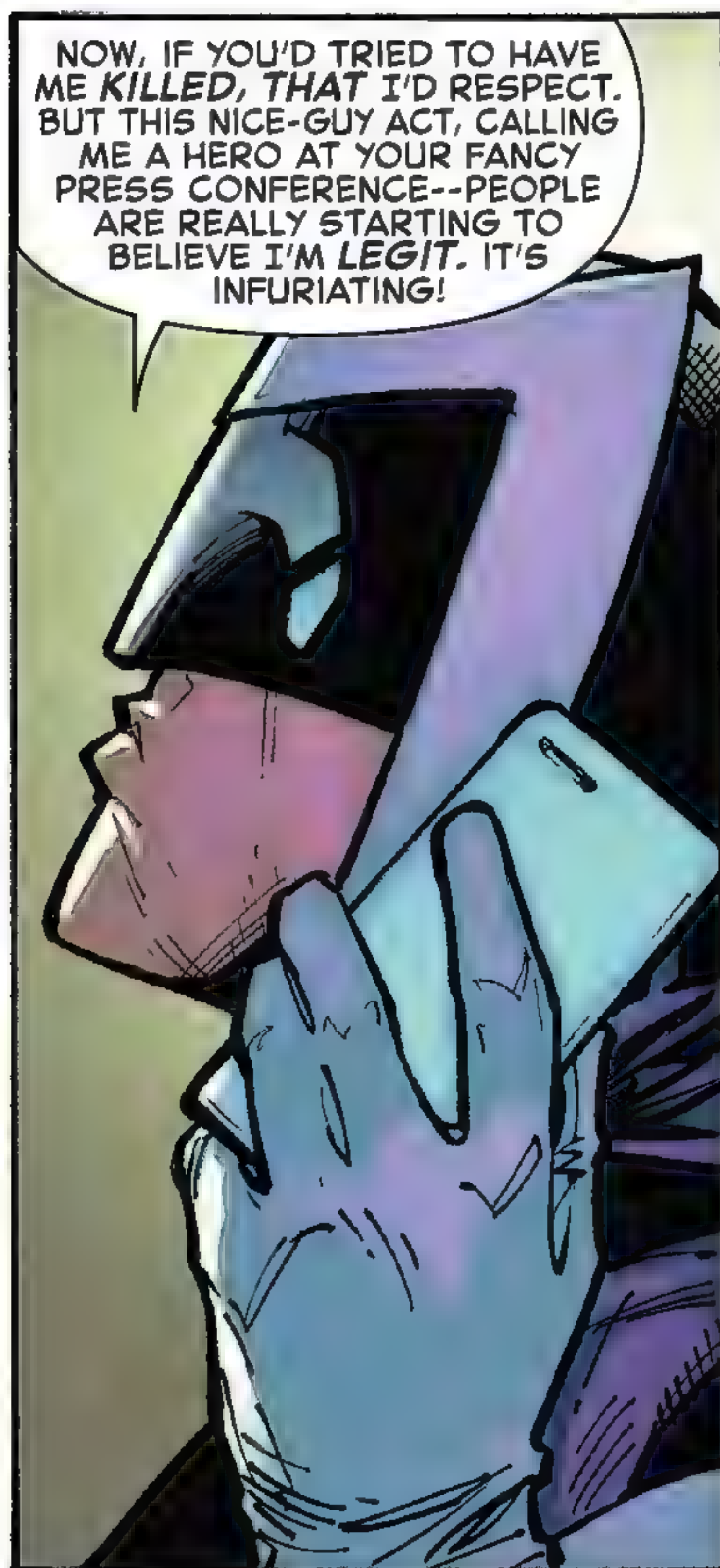
WELL,
I'LL GIVE
YOU CREDIT FOR
KNOWING HOW
TO FIND
ME.



THE MAYOR FEELS HE'S
BEEN MORE THAN PATIENT WITH
YOU, MR. MYERS. WE COULD
HUNT YOU DOWN, HAVE YOU
ARRESTED, INTERROGATE YOU,
BUT INSTEAD, WE CHOSE
TO ENGAGE YOU AS A
PROFESSIONAL--

YEAH,
BAD
CALL.

EXCUSE
ME?



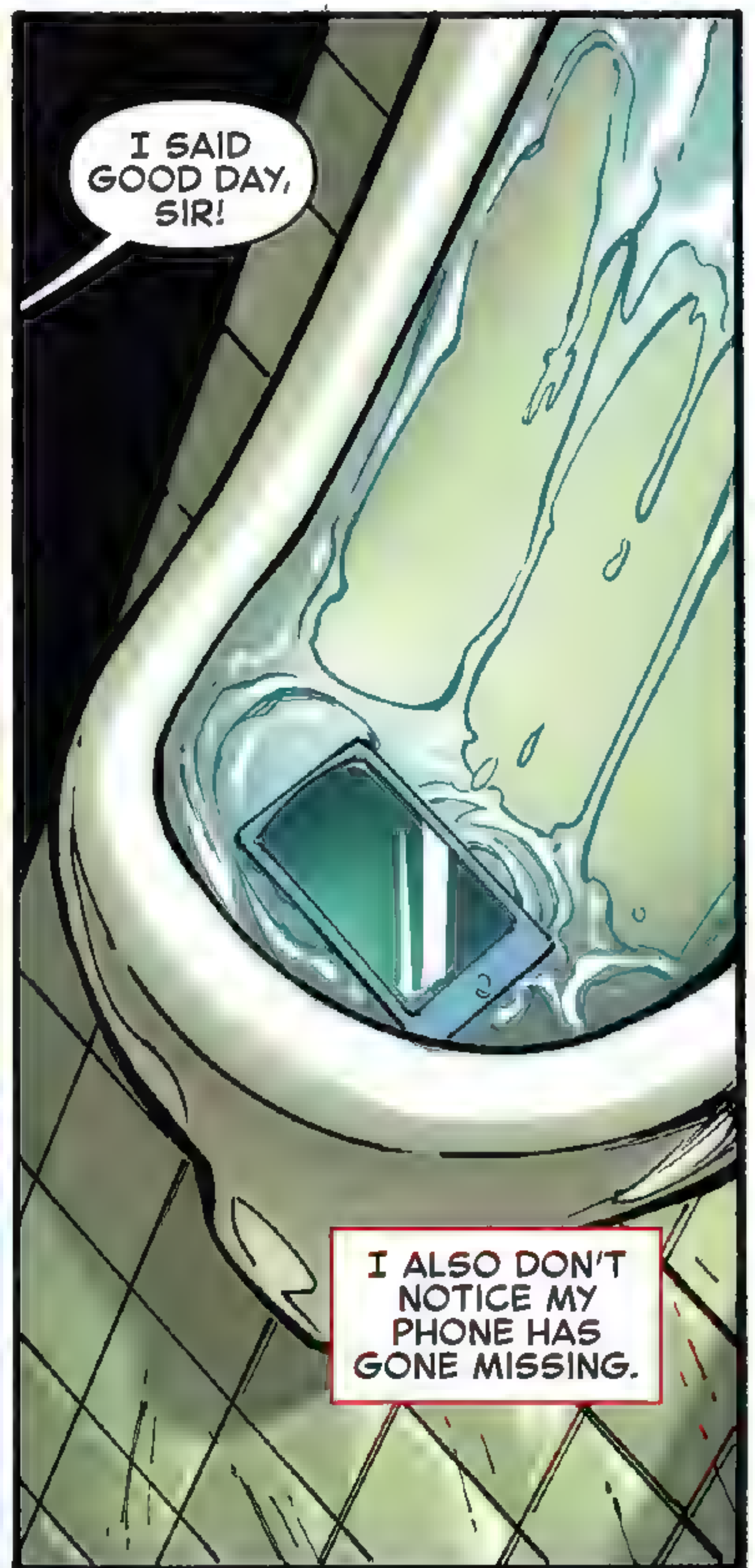
NOW, IF YOU'D TRIED TO HAVE
ME KILLED, THAT I'D RESPECT.
BUT THIS NICE-GUY ACT, CALLING
ME A HERO AT YOUR FANCY
PRESS CONFERENCE--PEOPLE
ARE REALLY STARTING TO
BELIEVE I'M LEGIT. IT'S
INFURIATING!



'SIDES, YOU PLAYING IT THIS WAY
ONLY TELLS ME HOW DESPERATE
FISK REALLY IS. I GOT THE CARDS
HERE, SO YOU TELL THE
MAYOR I JUST DOUBLED
MY PRICE!

AND
SOON I'LL GET
TO A CALCULATOR
SO I CAN FIGURE
OUT HOW MUCH
THAT IS!

MR.
MYERS,
WAIT--



I SAID
GOOD DAY,
SIR!

I ALSO DON'T
NOTICE MY
PHONE HAS
GONE MISSING.

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UH, I GUESS SO?

WHIRR--CLICK--
THE DESTRUCTION
OF THIS FLESHY ONE
WILL BRING ME JOY.

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WILL BRING ME JOY.

ADORABLE. FINAL QUESTION, THEN--WHO HIRED SPIDER-MAN TO DRIVE THE SPIDER-MOBILE?

SO CORONA MOTORS, THEY NEEDED A CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR EMISSIONS SCANDAL--

WHIRR--CLICK--
INCORRECT--
INCORRECT--

YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH.

IT WAS CARTER & LOMBARDO, THE AD FIRM CORONA USED! TECHNICALLY, THEY HIRED HIM!

THOSE HACKS DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE WELL-KNOWN SPIDER-FACT I KEEP REMINDING EVERYONE ABOUT-- SPIDEY DOESN'T DRIVE!

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WHAT'S GOIN' ON--WHAT'D I MISS?

SEE FOR YOURSELF...

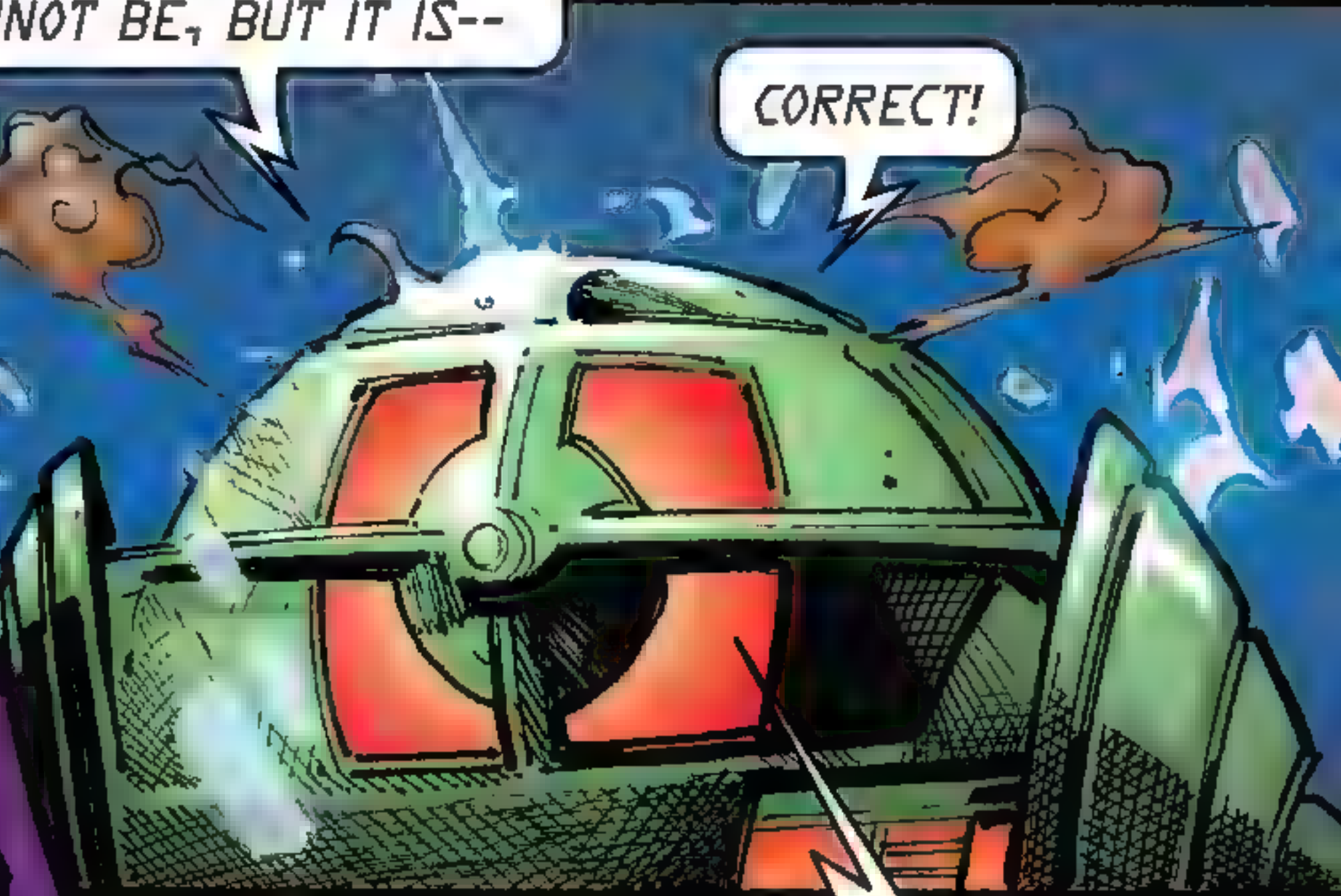


OUR CONTESTANT HAS SUBMITTED HIS ANSWER. LIVING BRAIN-- DO WE HAVE A WINNER?



WHIRR--CLICK--WHIRR--CLICK-- IMPOSSIBLE--IMPOSSIBLE-- IT CANNOT BE, BUT IT IS--

CORRECT!



SYSTEM OVERLOAD! SYSTEM OVERLOAD! A NEW BAR RECORD!

MAGNIFICENT! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE BAR WITH NO NAME HAS A NEW CHAMPION--

THE LIAR!



YEAH! CLAP CLAP CLAP

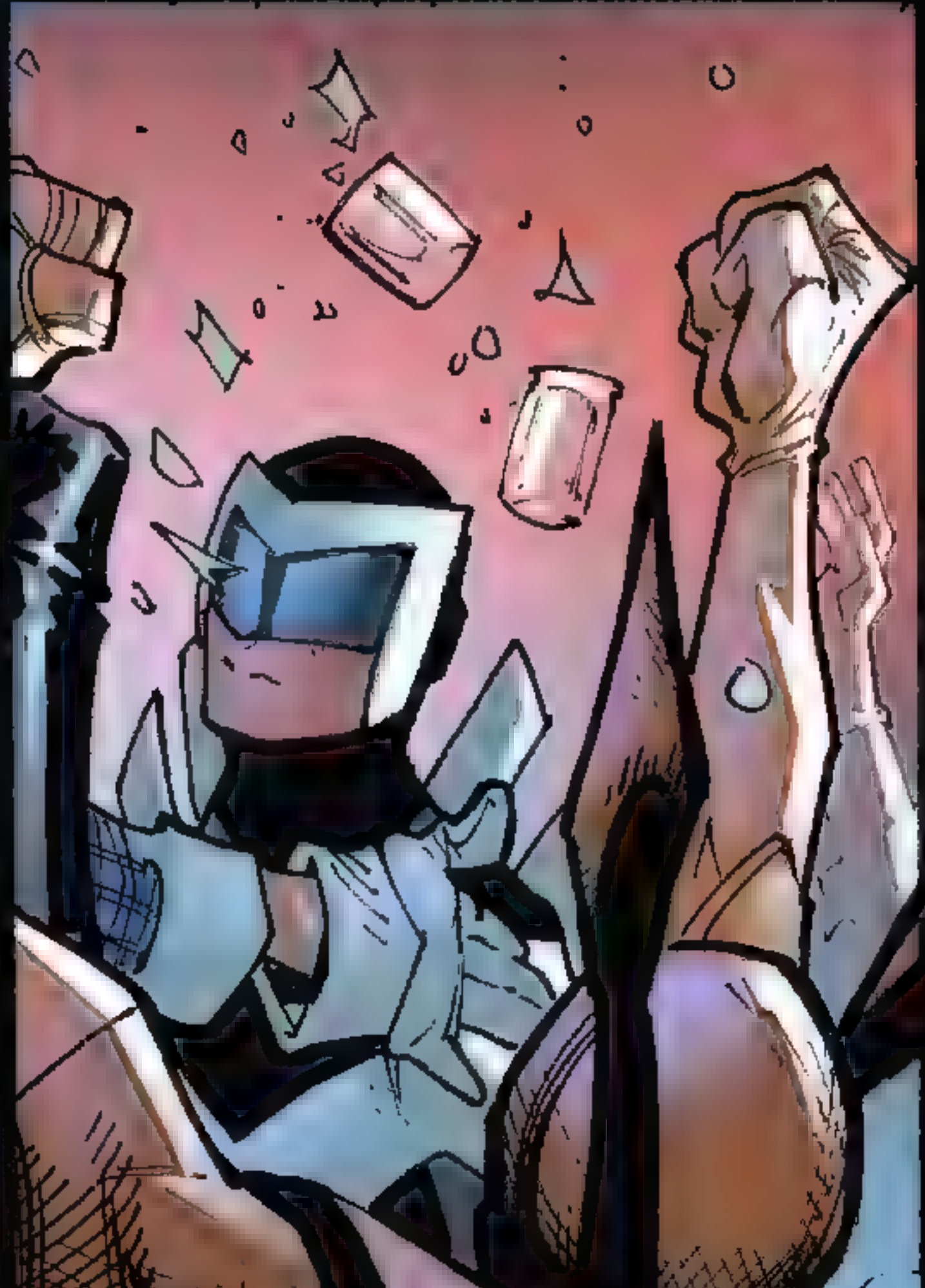
LOOK, I KNOW THESE ARE BAD GUYS.

TOMORROW, THEY'LL BE RIGHT BACK TO TRYING TO KILL ME, AND I'LL BE RIGHT BACK TO PUTTING THEM IN JAIL.

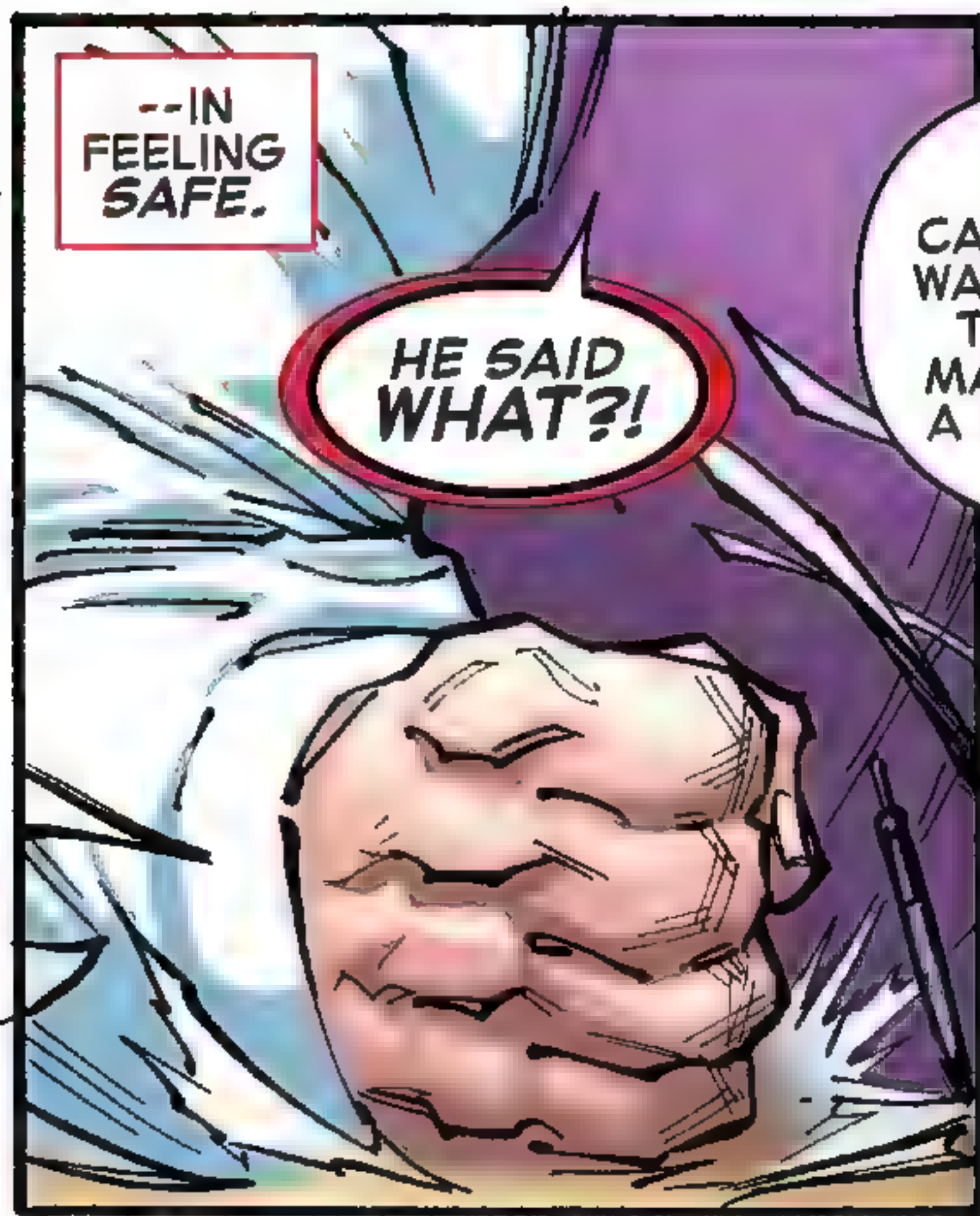


BUT FOR ONE NIGHT, I FEEL LIKE I UNDERSTAND THEM A LITTLE BETTER.

I GET WHY THEY COME HERE.



WHY A BUNCH OF LOSER OUTCASTS CAN TAKE SOME COMFORT IN NOT BEING ALONE--



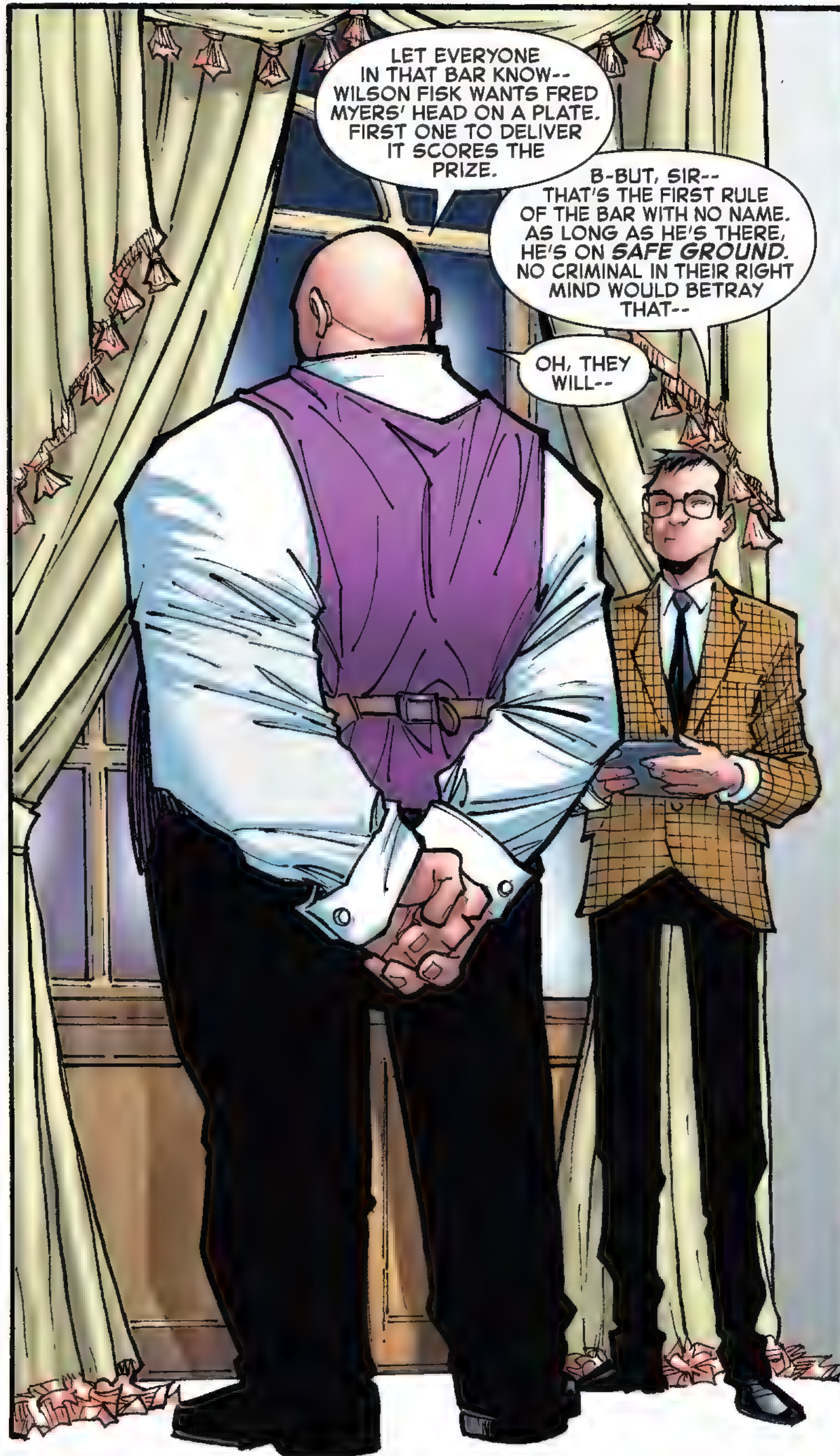
--IN
FEELING
SAFE.

HE SAID
WHAT?!

BOOMERANG
THINKS HE
CAN DEFY ME--I'VE
WASTED TOO MUCH
TIME TRYING TO
MAKE A DEAL WITH
A SCUM WASHOUT
LIKE HIM.



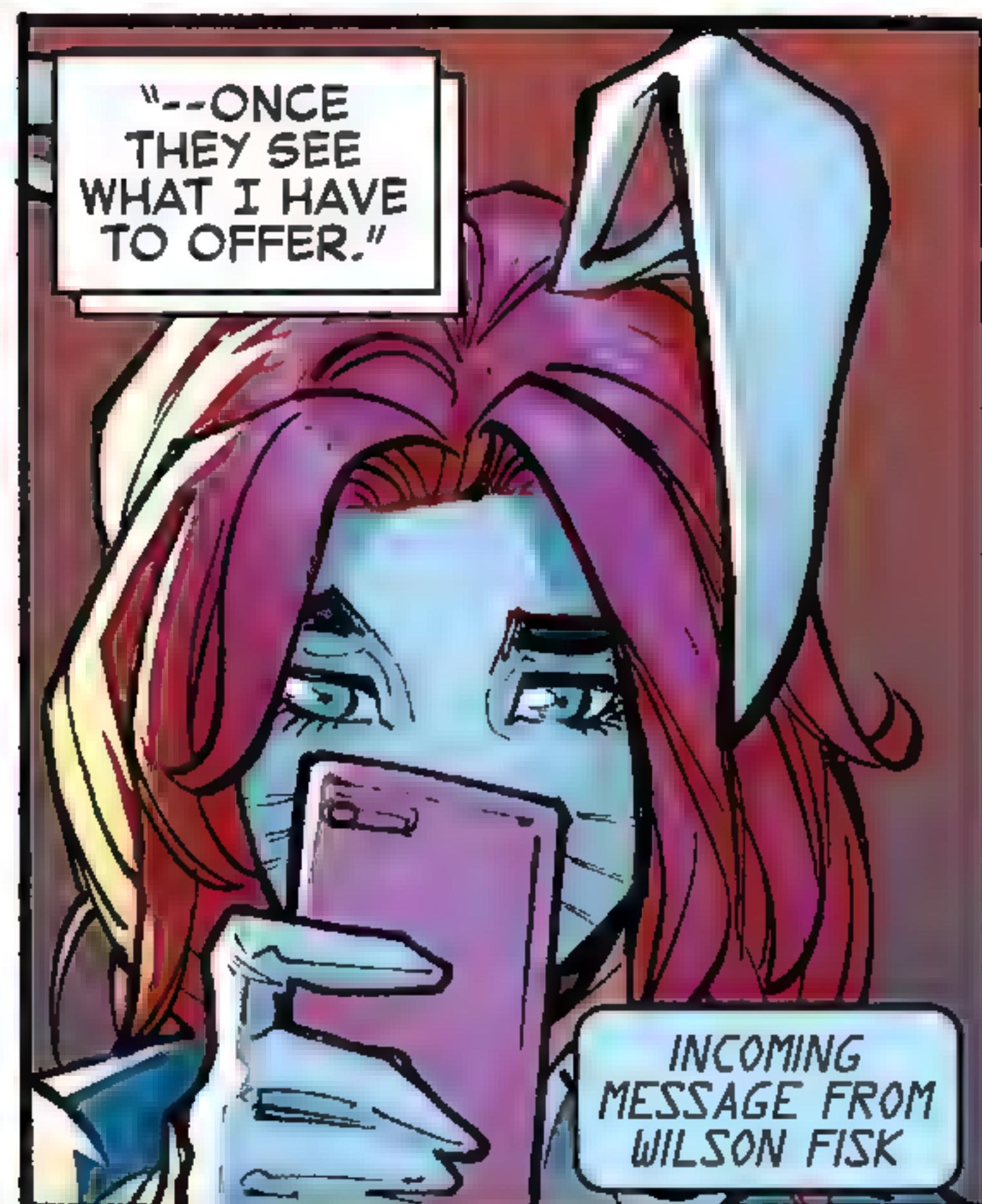
WE'VE
TRIED THE CARROT,
NOW IT'S TIME FOR
THE STICK.



LET EVERYONE
IN THAT BAR KNOW--
WILSON FISK WANTS FRED
MYERS' HEAD ON A PLATE.
FIRST ONE TO DELIVER
IT SCORES THE
PRIZE.

B-BUT, SIR--
THAT'S THE FIRST RULE
OF THE BAR WITH NO NAME.
AS LONG AS HE'S THERE,
HE'S ON *SAFE GROUND*.
NO CRIMINAL IN THEIR RIGHT
MIND WOULD BETRAY
THAT--

OH, THEY
WILL--



"--ONCE
THEY SEE
WHAT I HAVE
TO OFFER."

INCOMING
MESSAGE FROM
WILSON FISK



INCOMING
MESSAGE FROM
WILSON FISK



INCOMING
MESSAGE FROM
WILSON FISK

YEAH, THIS WHOLE
EXPERIENCE KINDA
HAS ME THINKING--

MAYBE
THEY'RE NOT
ALL BAD.



STOP ME
IF YOU'VE HEARD
THIS ONE BEFORE--
A SPIDER WALKS
INTO A BAR...





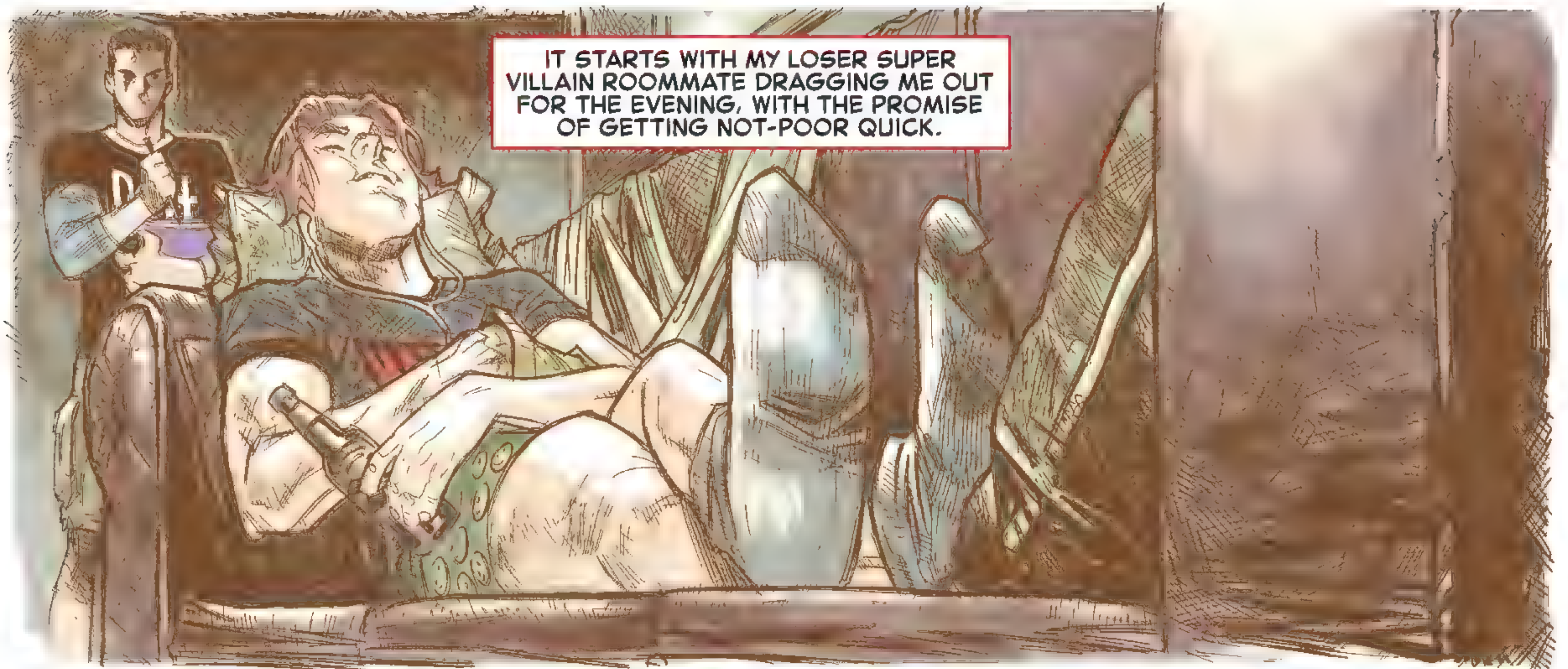
I HAVE BEEN
IN SOME
JAMS.

I'VE BEEN
HUNTED AS
A FUGITIVE.
I'VE BEEN
BURIED ALIVE.

I'VE BEEN
CLONED.
BUNCHA TIMES,
ACTUALLY.

I'VE BEEN TRAPPED ON
AN ISLAND OF GIANT
SPIDERS, CAUGHT IN
THE MIDDLE OF A GANG
WAR, AND POUNDED BY
THE JUGGERNAUT.

BUT THIS PARTICULAR
JAM? THIS HAS TO BE
THE MOST **INFURIATING**
MESS I'VE EVER FOUND
MYSELF IN!



IT STARTS WITH MY LOSER SUPER VILLAIN ROOMMATE DRAGGING ME OUT FOR THE EVENING, WITH THE PROMISE OF GETTING NOT-POOR QUICK.



SPECIFICALLY, HE BROUGHT ME TO THE **BAR WITH NO NAME** FOR SPIDER-MAN TRIVIA NIGHT.

WHICH IT TURNS OUT I'M PRETTY GREAT AT, I GUESS BECAUSE I AM SPIDER-MAN! AND I WILL ADMIT, I WAS KINDA ENJOYING IT--



--UNTIL THE CROWD TURNED ON ME.

REALLY SHOULD'VE SEEN THAT COMING.



"WE CRIMINALS HAVE A CODE," HE SAID! "THERE'S NO PLACE SAFER THAN A BAR FULL OF SUPER VILLAINS," HE SAID!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT EITHER! OUR INSTITUTIONS ARE CRUMBLING, OUR CULTURAL FABRIC IS TEARING--EVEN WHEN THAT FABRIC IS SPANDEX!

ALL I CAN FIGURE IS FISK MUST'VE OFFERED THEM SOMETHING PRETTY SWEET FOR MY HEAD--



WILSON FISK-- YOU MEAN THE KINGPIN OF CRIME AND THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK?!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU, PETE--I GOT ENEMIES! NOT EVERYONE FINDS ME AS ENDEARING AS YOU DO.

I DON'T FIND YOU ENDEARING!



YEAH, WELL,
COVER YOUR
EARS, PAL--CAUSE
YOU'RE ABOUT
TO.



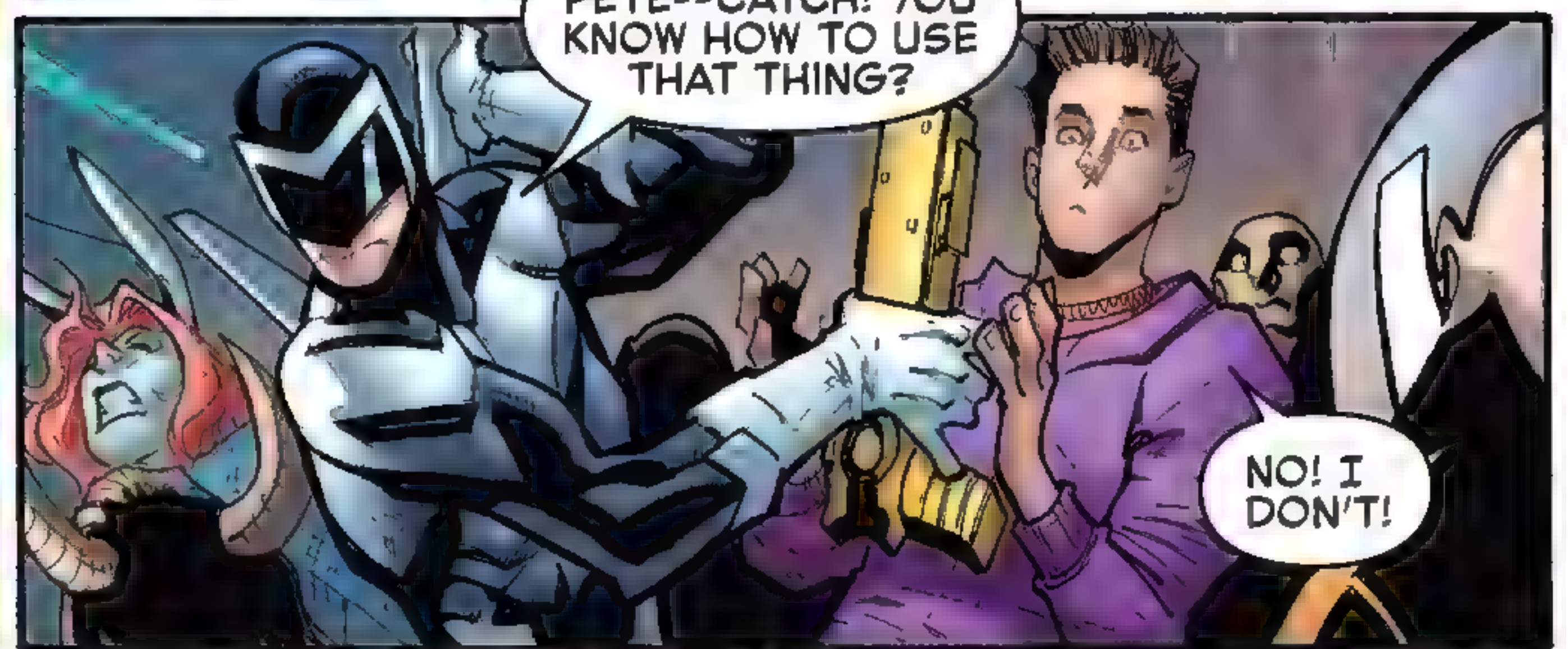
SONIC
BOOMERANG!



BAD NEWS IS
THAT WON'T HOLD
'EM OFF LONG
ENOUGH TO GET
TO THE EXIT,
PAL--



--LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
GONNA HAVE TO FIGHT
OUR WAY OUT!



HERE,
PETE--CATCH! YOU
KNOW HOW TO USE
THAT THING?

NO! I
DON'T!



IT'S EASY--IT'S
JUST LIKE THE GUN
IN CALL OF DUTY:
LATVERIA!

YOU NEVER
LET ME PLAY
CALL OF DUTY:
LATVERIA!

THAT'S
BECAUSE YOU'D JUST SLOW
ME DOWN. WAR IS NO PLACE
FOR A SWEET SOUL LIKE YOU, PETE.
BUT TRUST ME, THIS IS EASY--



--JUST
POINT AND
SHOOT!

THANKFULLY
I DO KNOW HOW
TO SET THIS
THING ON STUN--
BUT BOOMERANG
CAN'T KNOW THAT!

SO MUCH FOR A NICE
NIGHT OUT. SAFE TO
SAY THIS ISN'T FUN
ANYMORE--



--AT LEAST
NOT FOR ME.



AND THIS FEED IS LIVE, YES?

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR. IT APPEARS YOUR IDEA WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS--

LIKE ALL YOUR IDEAS, MR. MAYOR.

I DO HAVE TO ASK, THOUGH--



--THE BAR WITH NO NAME AND ITS CLIENTELE TAKE THEIR RULES QUITE SERIOUSLY. IT'S ONLY THROUGH THAT COMPACT THAT AN ESTABLISHMENT LIKE THAT CAN EVEN EXIST.

WHAT DID YOU OFFER THEM?

CRIMINALS ARE JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE--



IN OUR HEART OF HEARTS, EACH OF US LONGS TO BE WHATEVER WE ARE NOT. THE RICH DREAM OF A SIMPLER LIFE, THE FAMOUS YEARN FOR OBSCURITY. THOSE KNOWN FOR STRENGTH FANTASIZE OF WEAKNESS AND THOSE WHO CAUSE CHAOS--THEY SECRETLY ADMIRE ORDER.

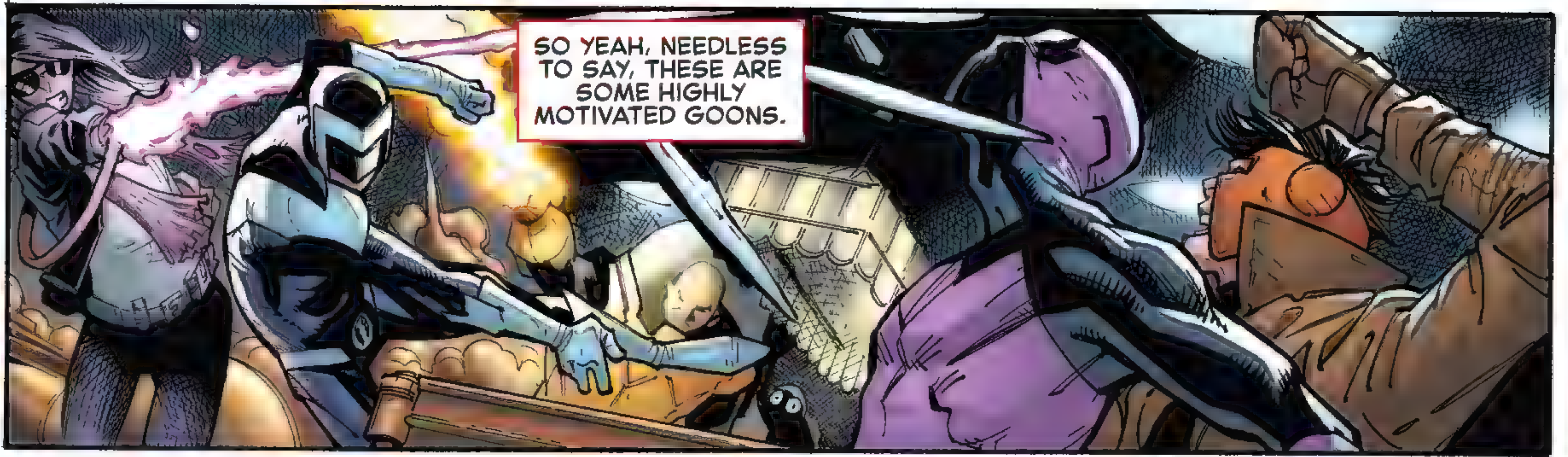
AFTER ALL, WHAT GREATER GOAL CAN THE LAWBREAKER HAVE THAN TO BE THE ONE WHO MAKES THE LAWS? WHICH REMINDS ME--



--PLEASE LET THE DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER KNOW HE'LL BE RETIRING A BIT EARLIER THAN EXPECTED. WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE A NEW CANDIDATE FOR HIS POSITION. NOW...



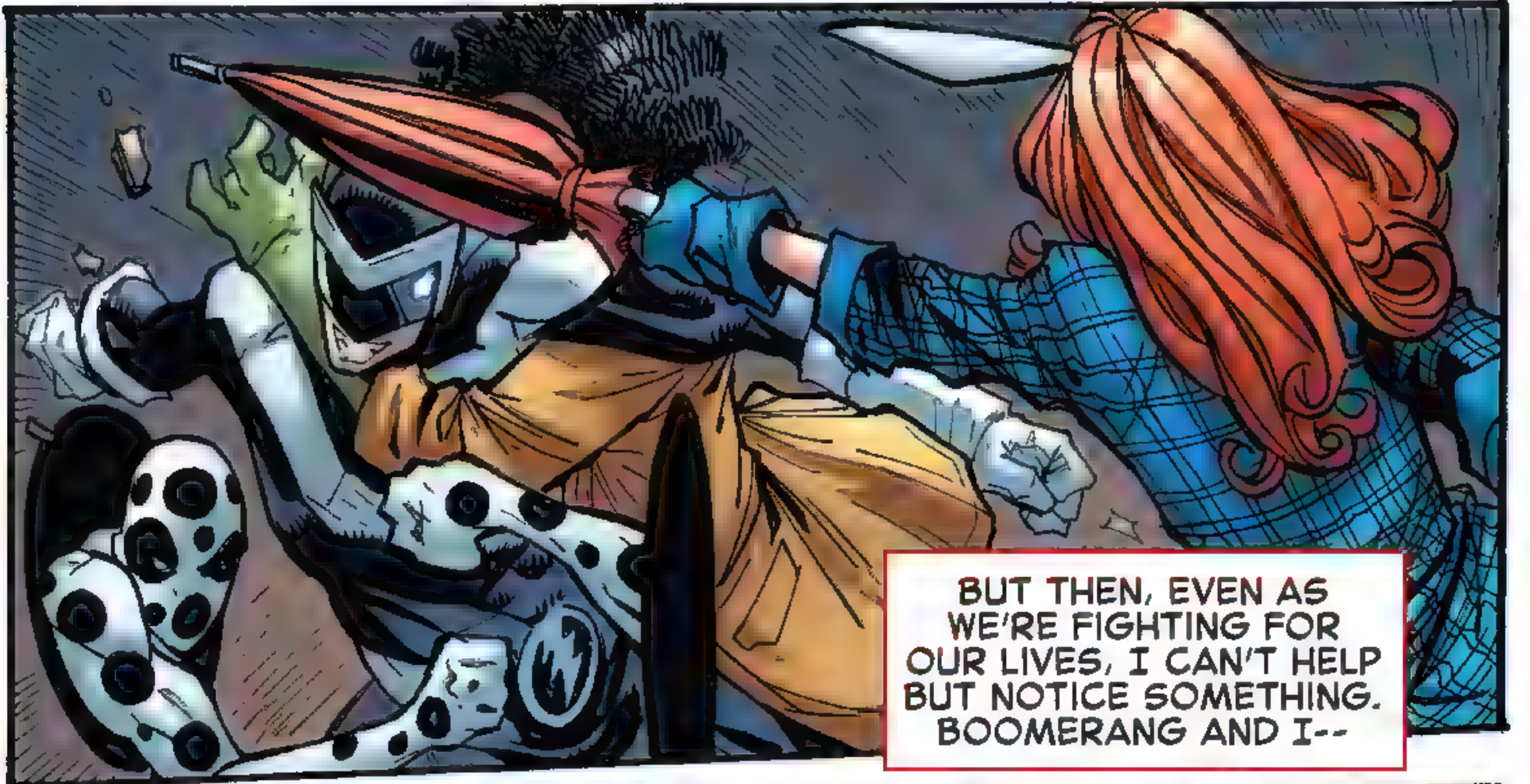
...LET'S KISS SOME BABIES!



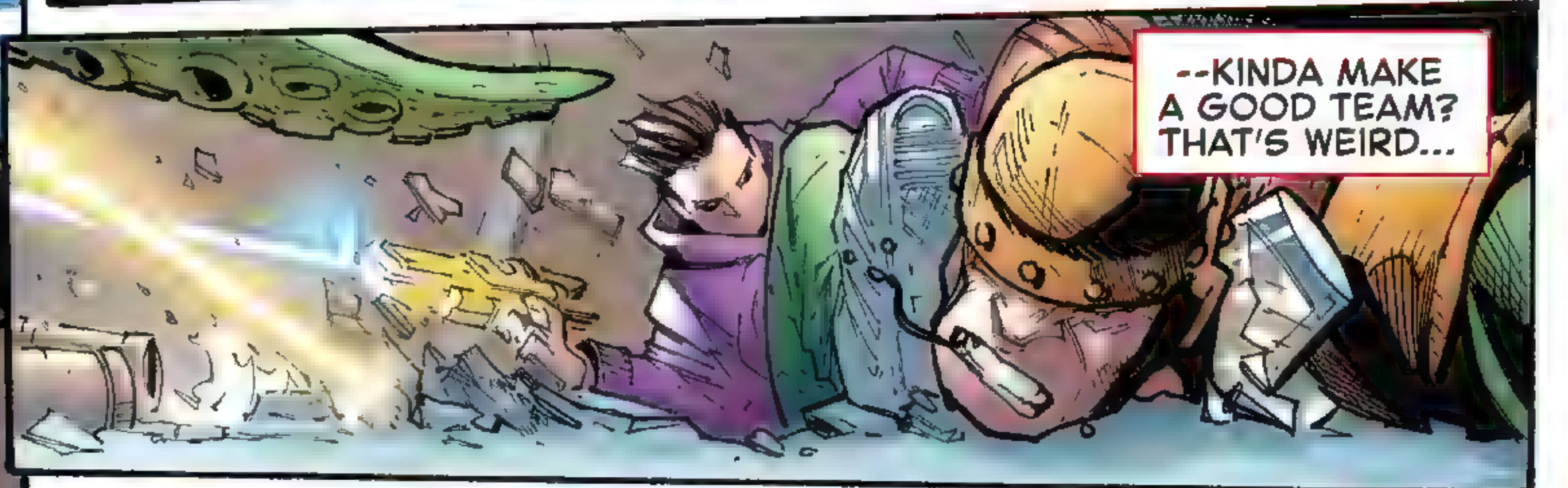
SO YEAH, NEEDLESS
TO SAY, THESE ARE
SOME HIGHLY
MOTIVATED GOONS.



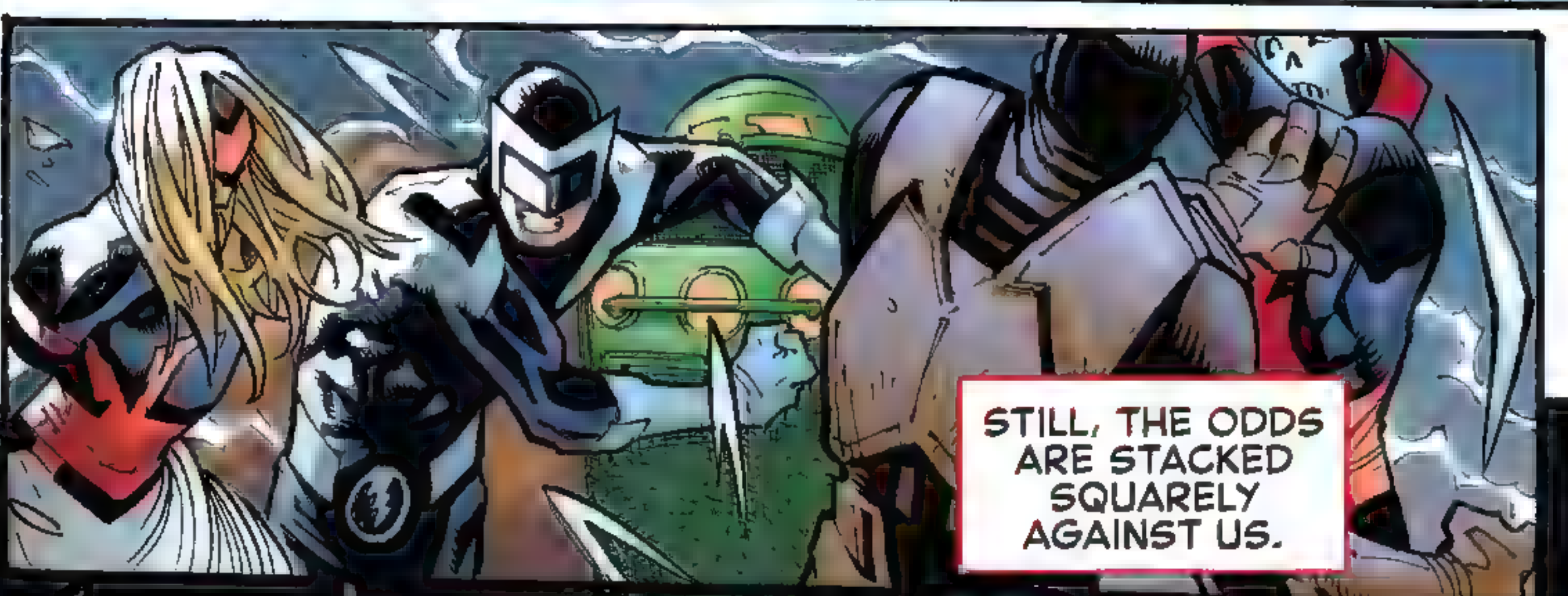
AND I'M FIGHTING WITH AN
ARM TIED BEHIND MY BACK
SO THAT I DON'T EXPOSE
MY SECRET IDENTITY!



BUT THEN, EVEN AS
WE'RE FIGHTING FOR
OUR LIVES, I CAN'T HELP
BUT NOTICE SOMETHING.
BOOMERANG AND I--



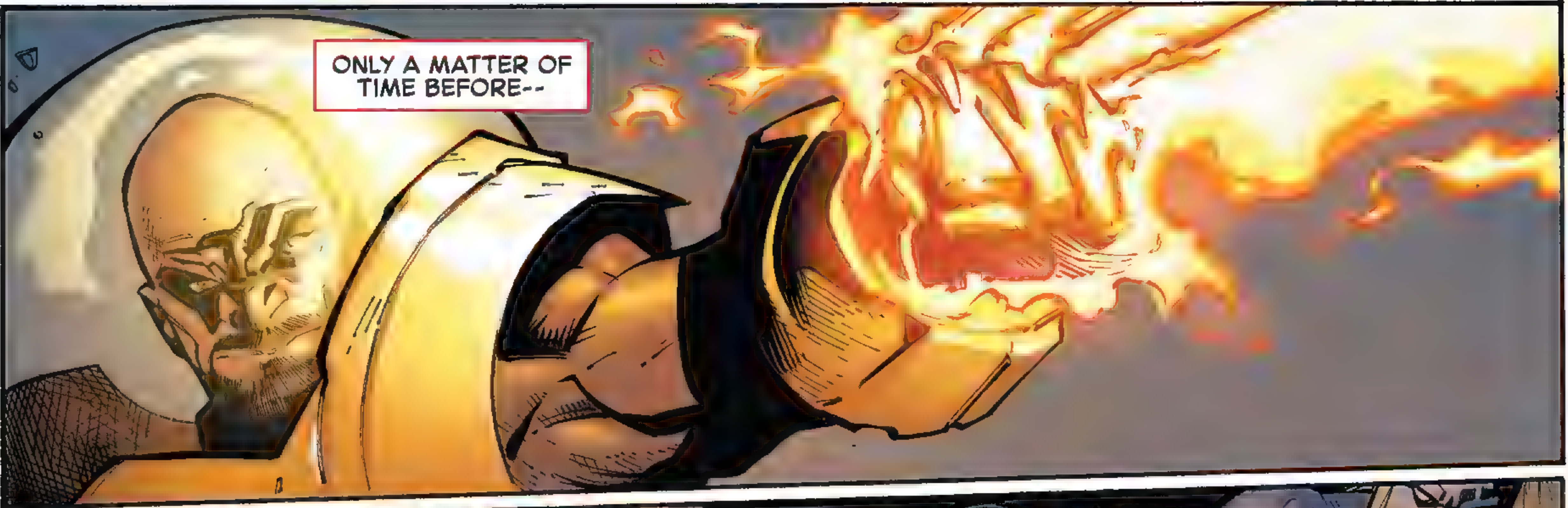
--KINDA MAKE
A GOOD TEAM?
THAT'S WEIRD...



STILL, THE ODDS
ARE STACKED
SQUARELY
AGAINST US.



TOO MANY OF THEM.
SPIDER-SENSE GOING
OFF IN TOO MANY
DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

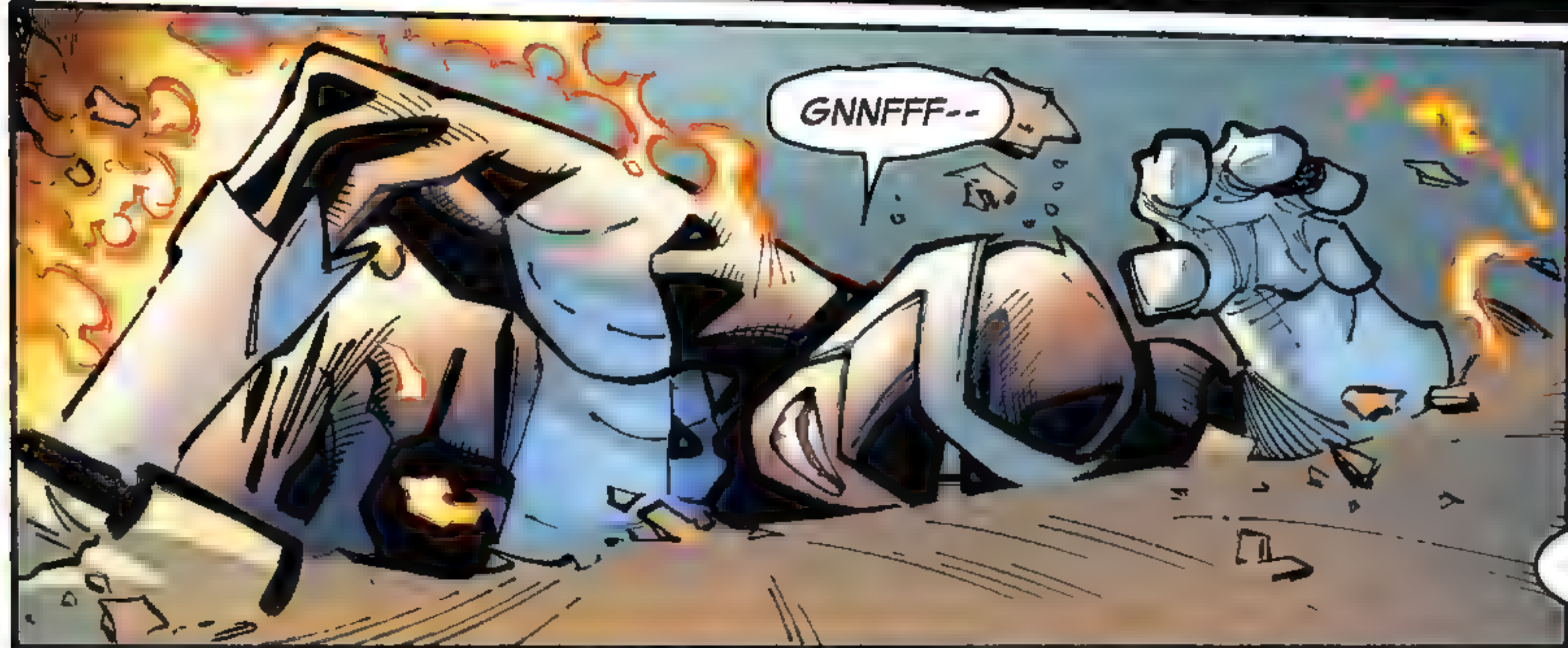


ONLY A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE--

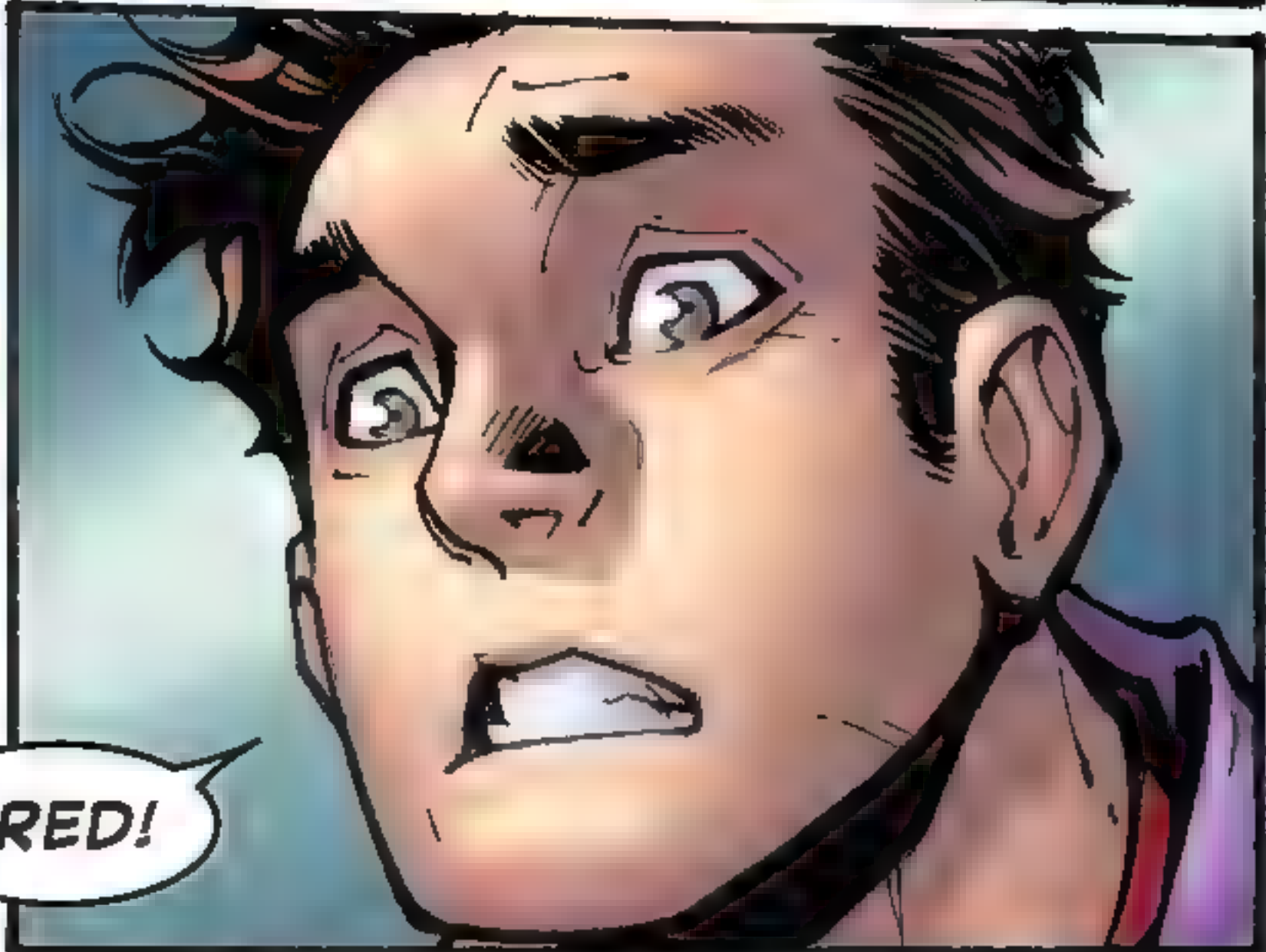


--SOMEONE
GETS HURT.

**PETE,
LOOK
OUT!**



GNNFFF--



FRED!



DID THAT REALLY
JUST HAPPEN? DID
BOOMERANG REALLY
JUST TAKE A
SCORCHER BLAST
FOR ME?

THAT--THAT
DOESN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE. GUY
IS A CHEAT AND
A--



WAIT,
THAT'S
IT!

ALL OF
YOU--STOP
RIGHT
THERE!



THE LIAR
COMMANDS
IT!

BOOMERANG'S SUPER
VILLAIN COVER STORY
FOR ME THAT HE USED TO
GET US IN THE DOOR--

--MAYBE I CAN USE IT TO BLUFF THEM! AFTER
ALL, CRIMINALS ARE A SUPERSTITIOUS AND
COWARDLY LOT--I READ THAT SOMEWHERE!

THAT'S
RIGHT--YOU ALL
HEARD BOOMERANG
TELL YOU WHAT I CAN
DO. AND I WANTED TO
GO EASY ON YOU, BUT
YOU'VE FORCED MY HAND.
IF YOU DON'T LET
US GO--



--ALL
YOUR WEAPONS
WILL BACKFIRE
AND YOU WILL
KILL EACH
OTHER.

SO
SAYETH, THE
UM...LIAR.

ALACAZAM.



IS
HE FOR
REAL?

NAH,
CAN'T
BE.

HOW
WOULD YOU
KNOW UNTIL
IT'S TOO
LATE?

WE
COULD
TAKE
BETS!

SHOULDN'T
IT BE "THEY
WON'T
BACKFIRE"?

I DUNNO,
BUT I DO
FEEL A LITTLE
TINGLY.

I DON'T
WANNA DIE,
GUYS.

OH
#&\$%&!
THIS--



HE'S
BLUFFING.

YOU'RE
RIGHT, RABBIT,
GOOD CALL.
HE IS--



--BUT I'M NOT.



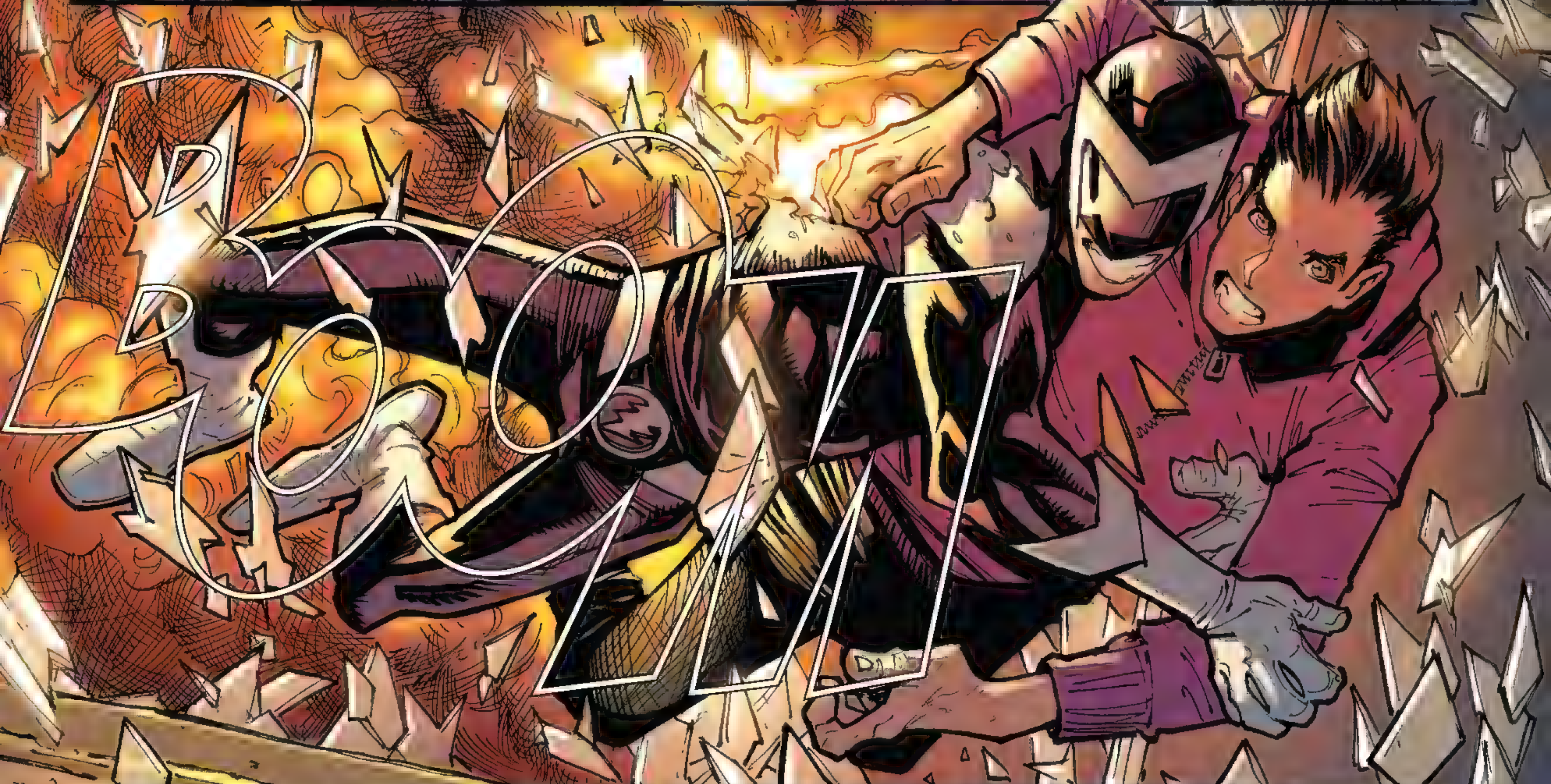
BOMBERANG.



AW HELL--



HOLD ON, PETE!



"SO I DON'T GET IT--"

--IF YOU HAD THE BOMBERANG ALL ALONG, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST USE IT EARLIER?

I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT-- I JUST REALLY LOVE THAT BAR.

NOW I GUESS I GOTTA START DRINKING SOMEPLACE THAT DOESN'T HAVE A "WEAPONS ENCOURAGED" POLICY LIKE A--GNFF-- LOSER--

WHOA, EASY, MAN-- THAT...THAT ACTUALLY LOOKS PRETTY NASTY--

YEAH--

S'WORTH IT, THOUGH--I FINALLY PROVED MYSELF TO YOU.

UH...I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT--

WHADDAYMEAN? LOOK AT THIS! I ALMOST PULLED A MUFASA BACK THERE!

I GET THAT, AND IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T APPRECIATE IT--EVEN IF I AM STILL A LITTLE IN SHOCK ABOUT IT--BUT, FRED...YOU'RE STILL A SUPER VILLAIN.

THIS AGAIN?! I TOLD YOU, I'M REFORMED! IT WAS ON THE NEWS EVEN! I WAS ON GOOD MORNING AMERICA!

OH, COME ON, DUDE-- I KNOW THE TRUTH.

WHAT TRUTH?

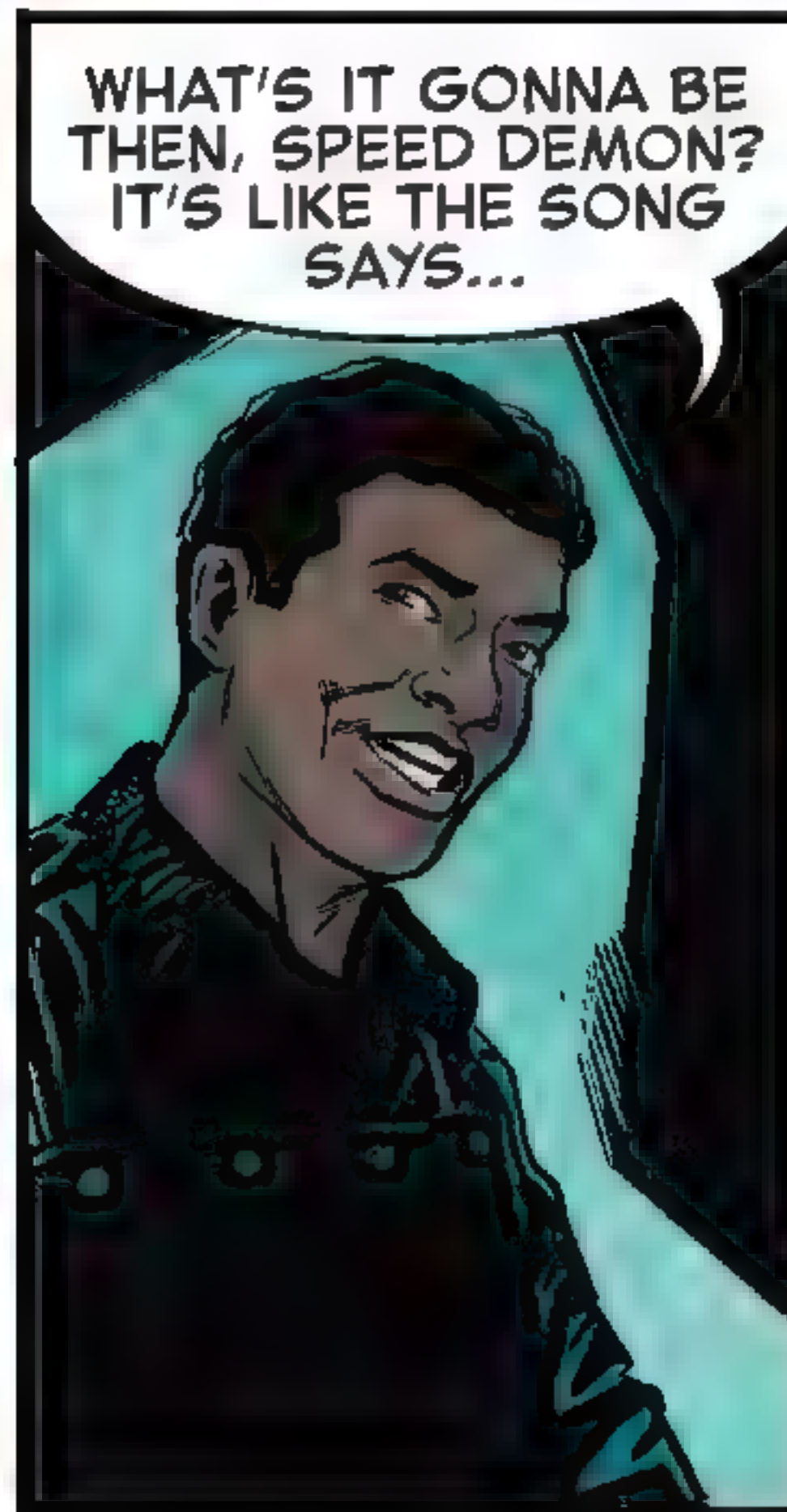
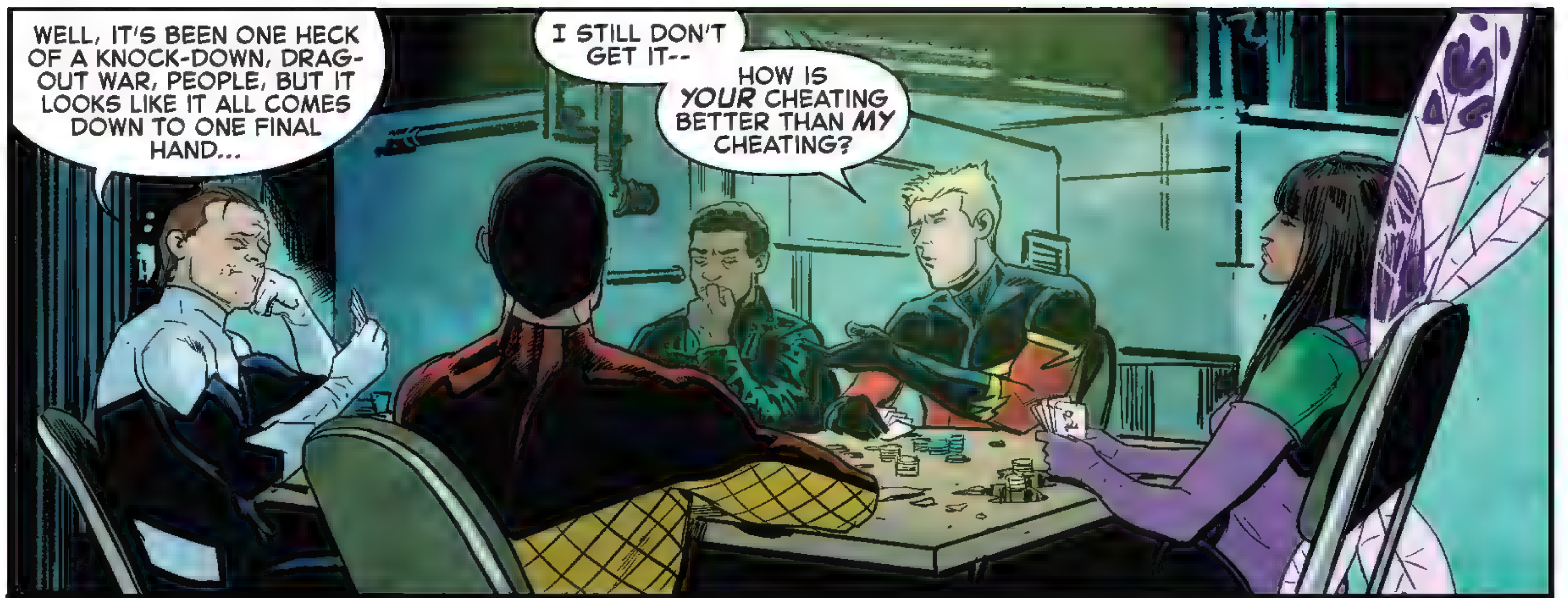
I STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SPIDER-MAN, YOU KNOW.

HE TRAILED YOU TO YOUR HIDEOUT. HE TOLD ME HE SAW YOU MEETING UP WITH YOUR OLD GANG--THE KNOCKOFF SINISTER SIX--

YOU DO? DOES HE EVER TALK ABOUT ME? DOES HE EVER SAY HE MISSES ME?

OKAY, FIRST OF ALL, WE'RE NOT KNOCKOFFS. ONLY ONE COSTUMED CRIMINAL APPARENTLY KNOWS HOW TO REGISTER SOMETHING AT THE TRADEMARK OFFICE AND IT'S NOT DOC OCK, I CAN TELL YOU THAT.

AND SECOND, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG, PETE--









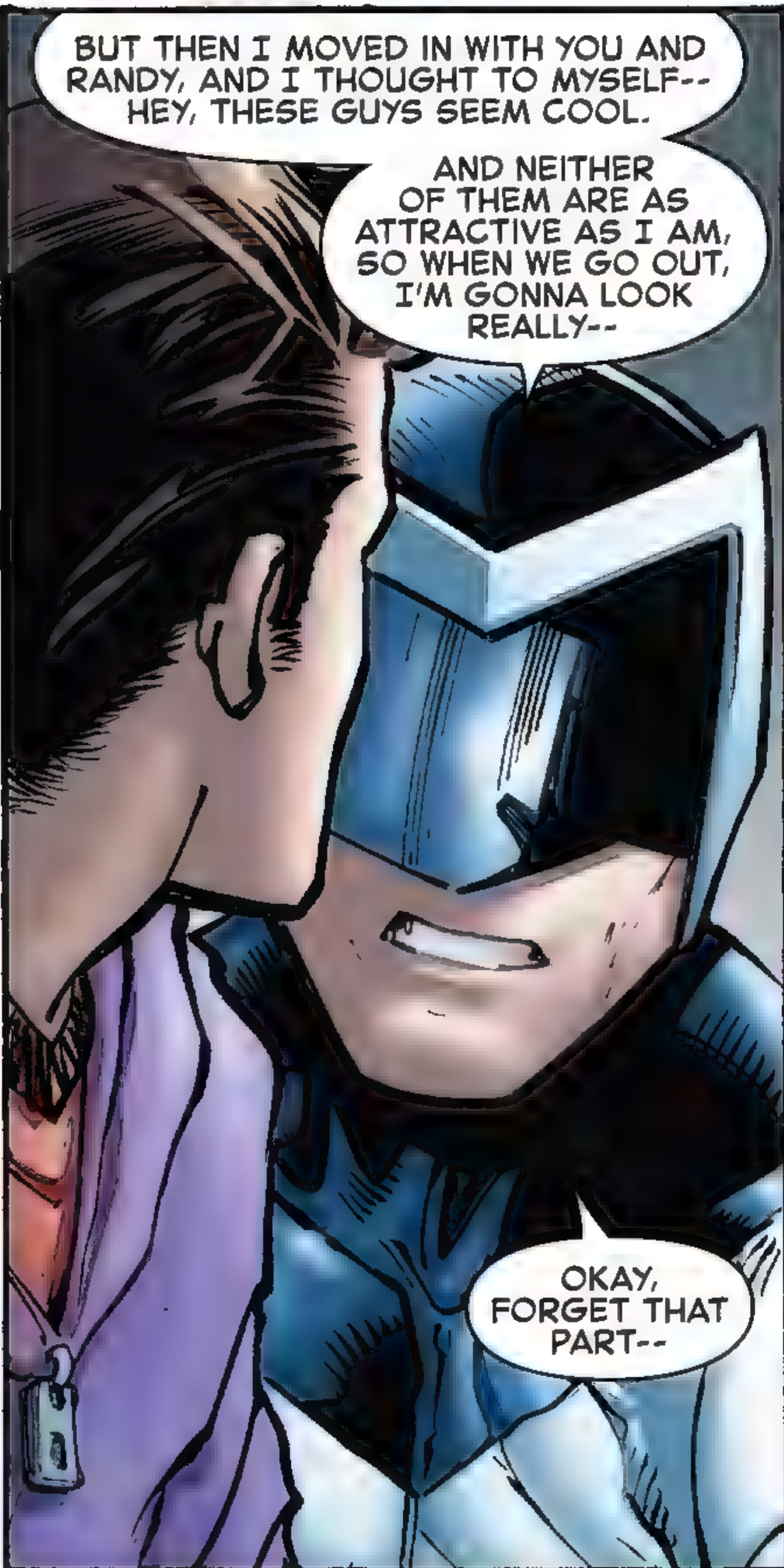
GEEZ, FRED...
I--I DIDN'T
KNOW, MAN.
I'M SORRY.

EH, NO
REASON TO
APOLOGIZE.
TRUTH IS, I
DESERVE
IT--



--THEY WERE
MY GANG. I WAS THEIR
LEADER. I WAS SUPPOSED
TO LOOK OUT FOR THEM. BUT
ALL I EVER DID WAS STAB THEM
IN THE BACK, USE THEM AS PAWNS IN
MY DUMB LITTLE ATTEMPT TO...
HECK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I
WAS ATTEMPTING AT
THIS POINT.

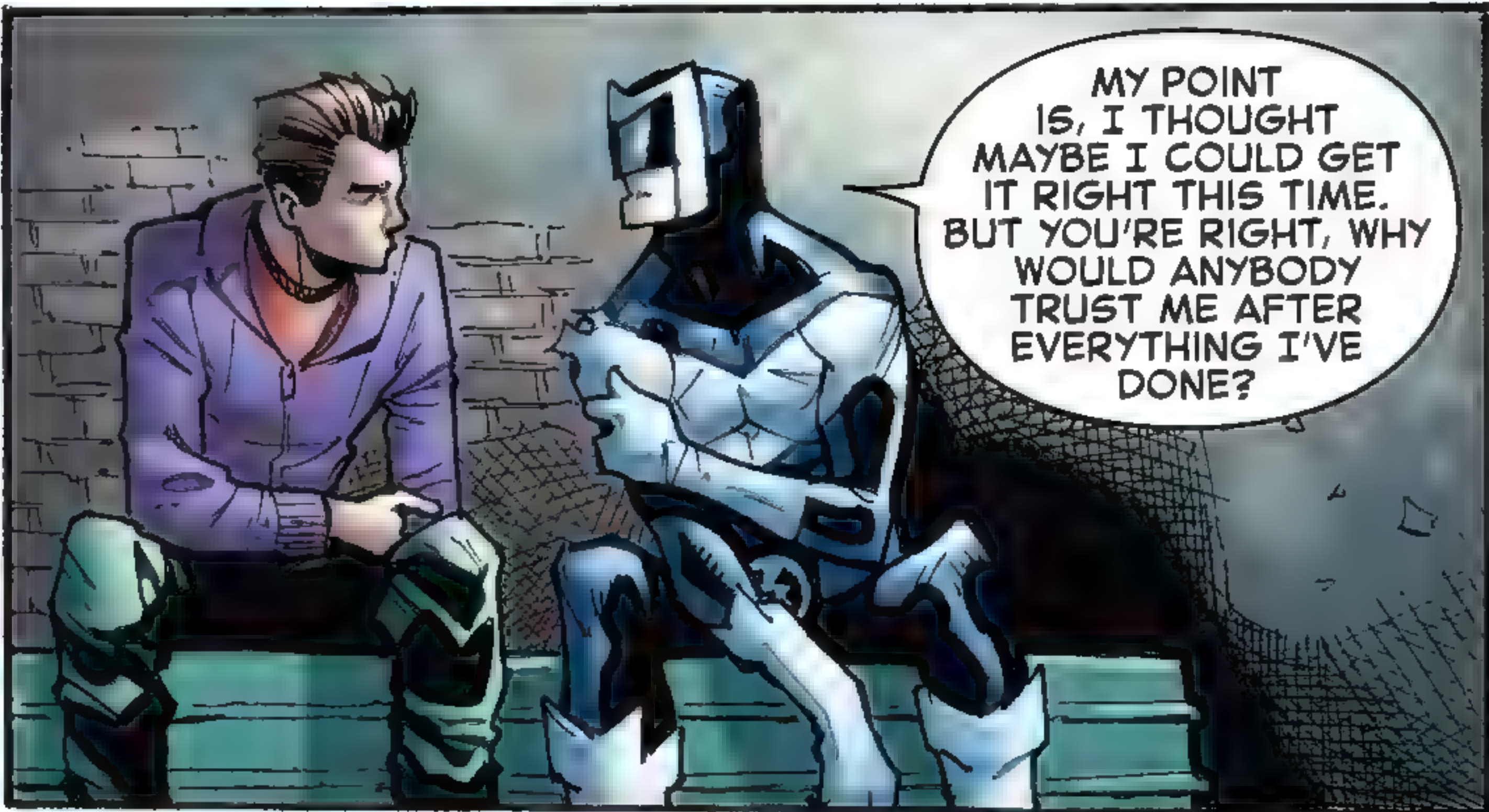
BY THE TIME
IT WAS ALL OVER,
I DIDN'T HAVE A
SINGLE FRIEND LEFT.
WHO COULD BLAME
THEM?



BUT THEN I MOVED IN WITH YOU AND
RANDY, AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF--
HEY, THESE GUYS SEEM COOL.

AND NEITHER
OF THEM ARE AS
ATTRACTIVE AS I AM,
SO WHEN WE GO OUT,
I'M GONNA LOOK
REALLY--

OKAY,
FORGET THAT
PART--



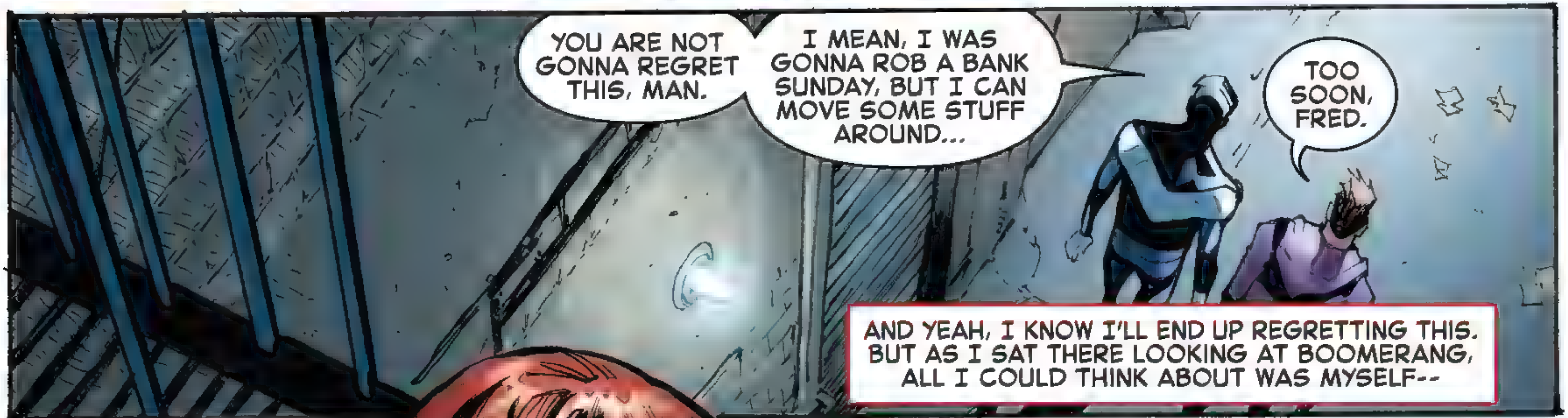
MY POINT
IS, I THOUGHT
MAYBE I COULD GET
IT RIGHT THIS TIME.
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, WHY
WOULD ANYBODY
TRUST ME AFTER
EVERYTHING I'VE
DONE?



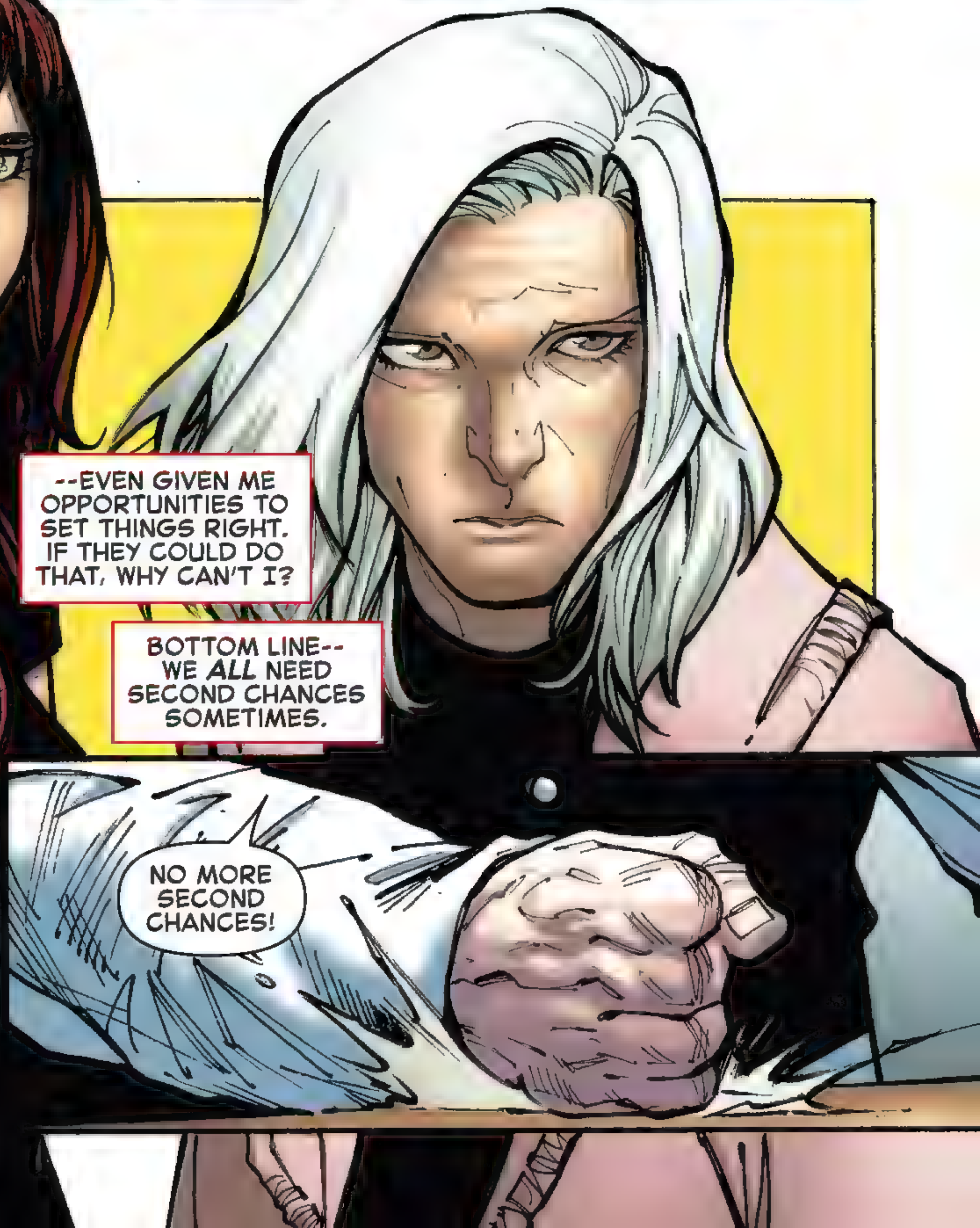
IT'S TOO
LATE...



~SIGH~
SUNDAYS.



--AND THE PEOPLE I'D LET DOWN SO MUCH LATELY. HOW SO MANY OF THEM HAD FORGIVEN ME--





I WANT BOOMERANG IN OUR CUSTODY IMMEDIATELY! ANY MEANS NECESSARY!

BUT, UH, MAYOR FISK--YOU WERE QUITE CLEAR JUST LAST WEEK THAT WE WERE TO, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, THREATEN HIM OR USE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE--



AND NOW MATTERS HAVE CHANGED. I TRIED TO DO BUSINESS WITH THAT MERCENARY FAIRLY, AND HE SPIT IN MY FACE.

WELL, NO MORE! HE'S ABOUT TO LEARN THE TERRIBLE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR DEFYING THE KINGPIN.

WE'VE MANAGED TO LOCATE HIS LATEST ADDRESS, SIR--A SUBLET IN MANHATTAN--

NO DOUBT EVEN FLOUTING OUR TENANCY LAWS, OF COURSE.

AND IF THESE REPORTS FROM THE **BAR WITH NO NAME** ARE TRUE, HE SEEMS TO HAVE DEVELOPED A SOFT SPOT FOR ONE OF HIS BUNKMATES--

VERY WELL, THEN--WE WILL USE THAT. MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THESE NEW COMPATRIOTS. AND PERHAPS WHEN MYERS SEES THEIR BODIES, HE'LL FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE--

TUT TUT TUT--

WHAT WAS THAT?!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT, IT'S JUST--YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THE ROOMIES WENT FOR IN THE ELECTION. YOU MIGHT NEED ALL THE VOTES YOU CAN GET, WILSON.

WHO'S THERE?! SHOW YOURSELF!



AW, COME ON-- DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE VOICE? THEN AGAIN, IT HAS BEEN A WHILE--

SEEMS LIKE YOU ONLY CALL WHEN YOU NEED SOMETHING.

OH GOD. GET OUT. ALL OF YOU.

S-SIR?



I SAID
GET OUT!
BEFORE IT'S
TOO--



WOW, I
HAVE TO IMAGINE
YOU THOUGHT THIS
JOB WOULD BE
FUN.



LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
JUST MEETINGS,
MEETINGS,
MEETINGS.



BUT I
DO APPRECIATE
YOU MAKING
TIME ON YOUR
SCHEDULE.

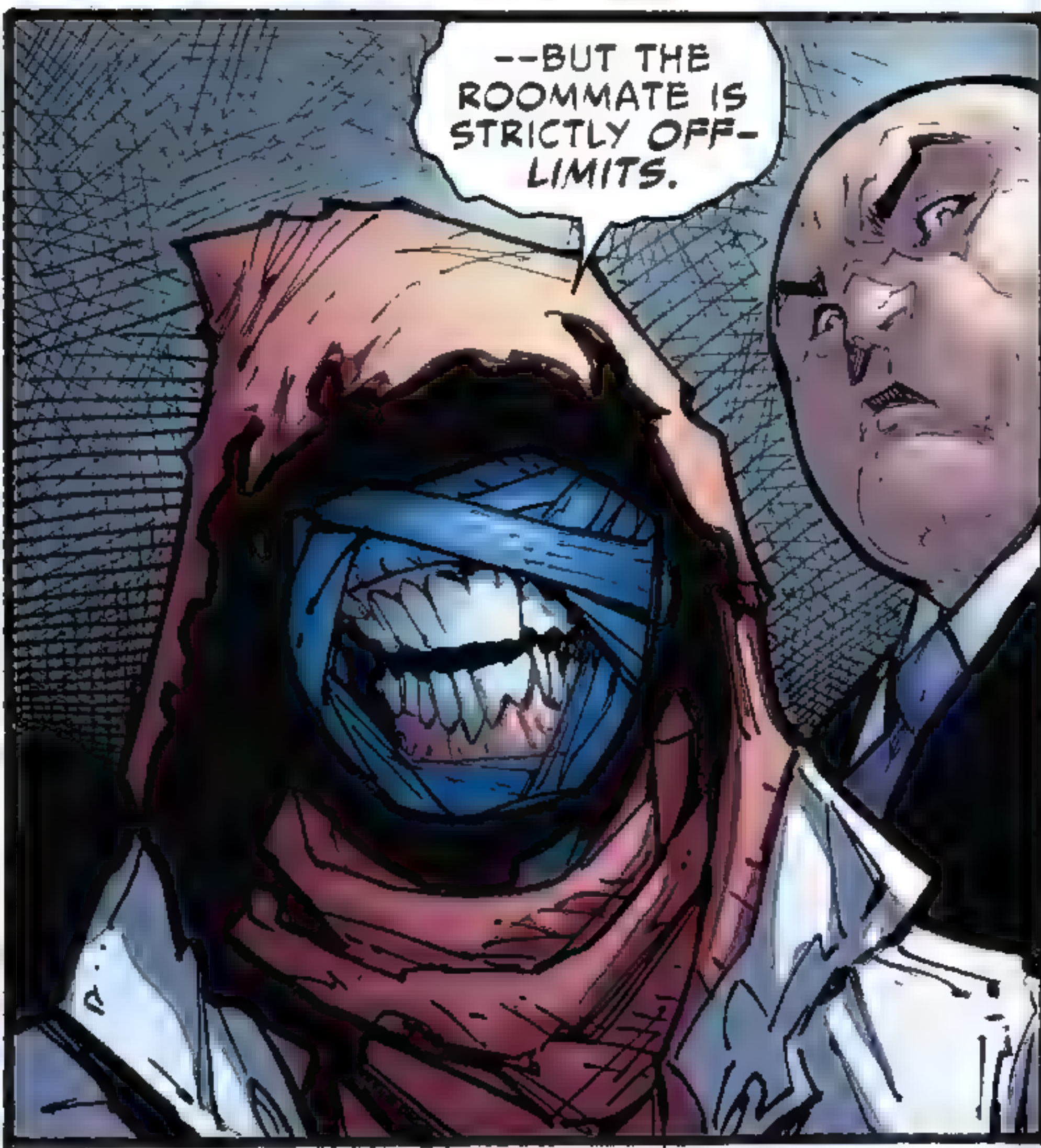
YOU...



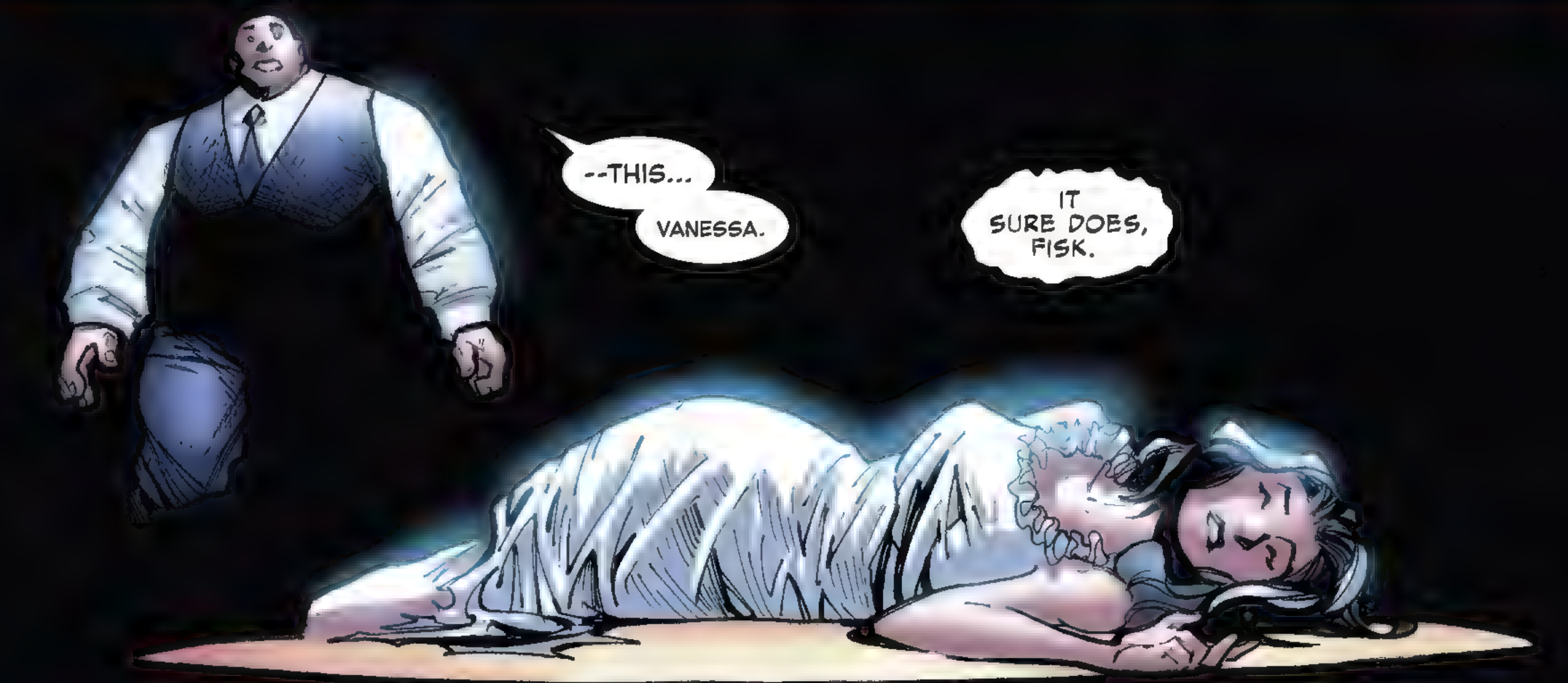
IN THE
ROTTING FLESH.
NICE NEW OFFICE,
WILLIE. YOU'RE
MOVING UP IN
THE WORLD.

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

IT'S MORE
WHAT I DON'T WANT,
I'M AFRAID. LOOK,
I DON'T CARE ABOUT
YOUR LITTLE KERPUFFLE
WITH FRISBEE-MAN OR
WHOEVER HE IS--
THAT'S YOUR
BUSINESS--



--BUT THE
ROOMMATE IS
STRICTLY OFF-
LIMITS.





--YOU COULD'VE
FIXED ALL OF
THIS! I OFFERED
YOU EVERYTHING!
ANYTHING!
AND YET--

I DIDN'T
WANT ANY
OF IT.

MUST BE
FRUSTRATING FOR
SOMEONE LIKE YOU,
RIGHT? KINGPIN OF
CRIME, MAYOR OF NEW
YORK CITY--ALL THAT
POWER--



COMPLETELY
WORTHLESS. BUT
HEY, IT'S LIKE THE
SONG SAYS--

EVERYBODY'S
GOTTA SERVE
SOMEBODY, RIGHT?
THEN AGAIN, YOU
COULD DO A LOT
WORSE THAN YOURS
TRULY. YOU
SEE--

--I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE GRAND
PLANS YOU'RE TWISTING AROUND
IN THOSE SWEATY PALMS OF
YOURS, WILSON. YOU AND YOUR
SUPERGLUE, TRYING TO PUT
BACK TOGETHER WHAT
YOU'VE BROKEN.

IT'S JUST
PATHETIC ENOUGH
THAT I'LL ALLOW IT.
ON ONE CONDITION,
THAT IS.

...CONDITION?



OH, COME ON.
YOU'VE DONE IT
ONCE BEFORE--
POINTED YOUR HEAD
IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION.

BUT HEY, I STILL
ANSWERED, RIGHT?
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T
GET EVERYTHING
YOU WANTED.

GO ON,
THEN--



THERE
IT IS. YOU'VE
MADE PLENTY OF
MEN DO IT FOR
YOU. IT MUST BE
DOWNRIGHT
EXHILARATING
TO BE ON THE
OTHER SIDE.



YOU KNOW
YOU HAVE TO.
YOU KNOW HOW EASY
IT WOULD BE FOR
ME TO TEAR THIS
ALL ASUNDER.

GOOD.
GOOD. SEE?
EASY PEASY.
WE'RE GONNA GET
ALONG JUST
FINE, MR.
MAYOR--

--SO LONG
AS YOU KNOW
WHO'S REALLY
IN CHARGE
AROUND
HERE.



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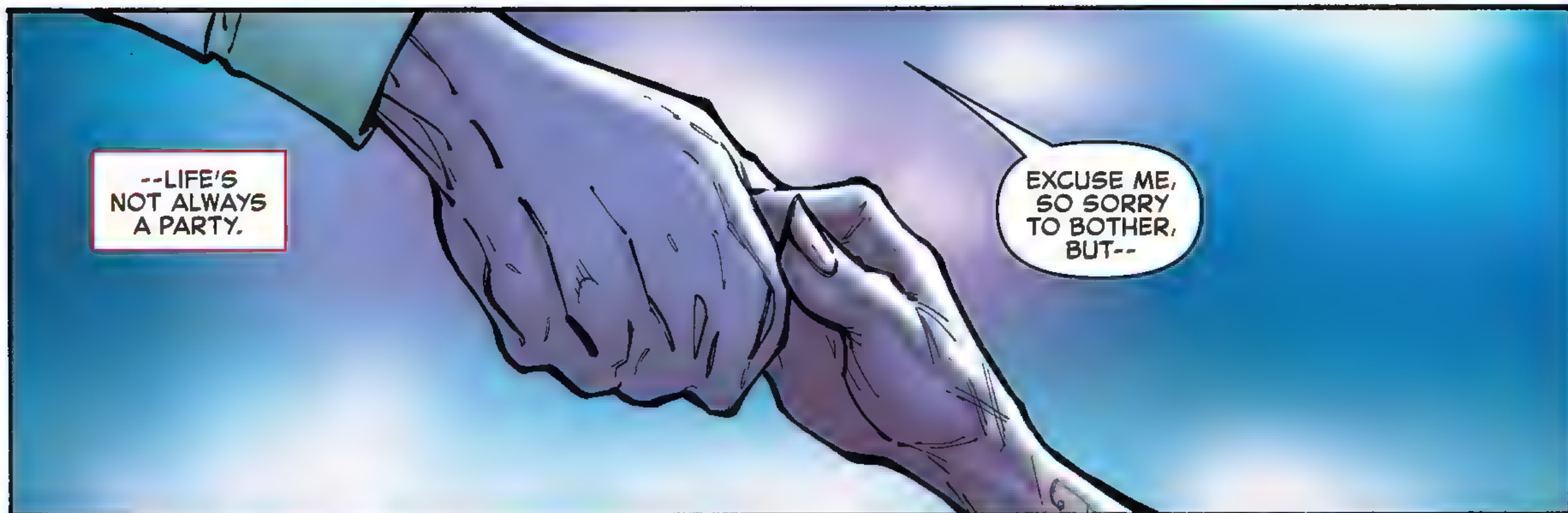
HEIST PART 1

I USUALLY
LOVE THIS.

FREE-FALLING
THROUGH THE SKIES
OF MIDTOWN
MANHATTAN, RIGHT?
WHAT A FEELING.

LITTLE
DIFFERENT
TODAY, BUT
THEN--





--LIFE'S
NOT ALWAYS
A PARTY.

EXCUSE ME,
SO SORRY
TO BOTHER,
BUT--



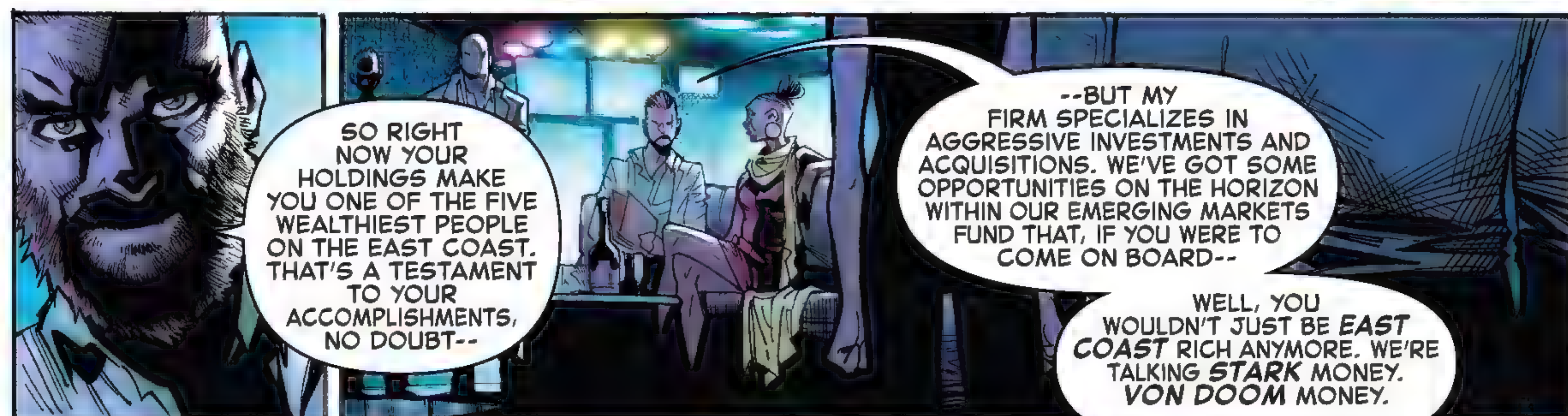
--YOU'RE ODESSA
DRAKE, AREN'T YOU? I
JUST SAW YOU FROM
ACROSS THE BAR, I
WAS HOPING WE
COULD TALK--

MS. DRAKE
IS NOT
ENTERTAINING
GUESTS AT THE
MOMENT--

IT'S ALL
RIGHT, HENRY--
WHAT WOULD YOU
LIKE TO TALK
ABOUT,
MISTER...?

MCCAULEY.
DAVE
MCCAULEY--

--AND IT'S
A BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITY.



SO RIGHT
NOW YOUR
HOLDINGS MAKE
YOU ONE OF THE FIVE
WEALTHIEST PEOPLE
ON THE EAST COAST.
THAT'S A TESTAMENT
TO YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
NO DOUBT--

--BUT MY
FIRM SPECIALIZES IN
AGGRESSIVE INVESTMENTS AND
ACQUISITIONS. WE'VE GOT SOME
OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON
WITHIN OUR EMERGING MARKETS
FUND THAT, IF YOU WERE TO
COME ON BOARD--

WELL, YOU
WOULDN'T JUST BE **EAST
COAST** RICH ANYMORE. WE'RE
TALKING **STARK** MONEY.
VON DOOM MONEY.



I WAS NEVER ONE FOR MAKING SUCH COMPARISONS,
MR. MCCAULEY. AND BESIDES, MOST OF MY
FAMILY'S WEALTH ISN'T--

**PUBLICLY
KNOWN?**
SURE--

--WE CAN
HELP WITH THAT
TOO. WE SPECIALIZE IN
OFFSHORE DEALINGS,
AFTER ALL.

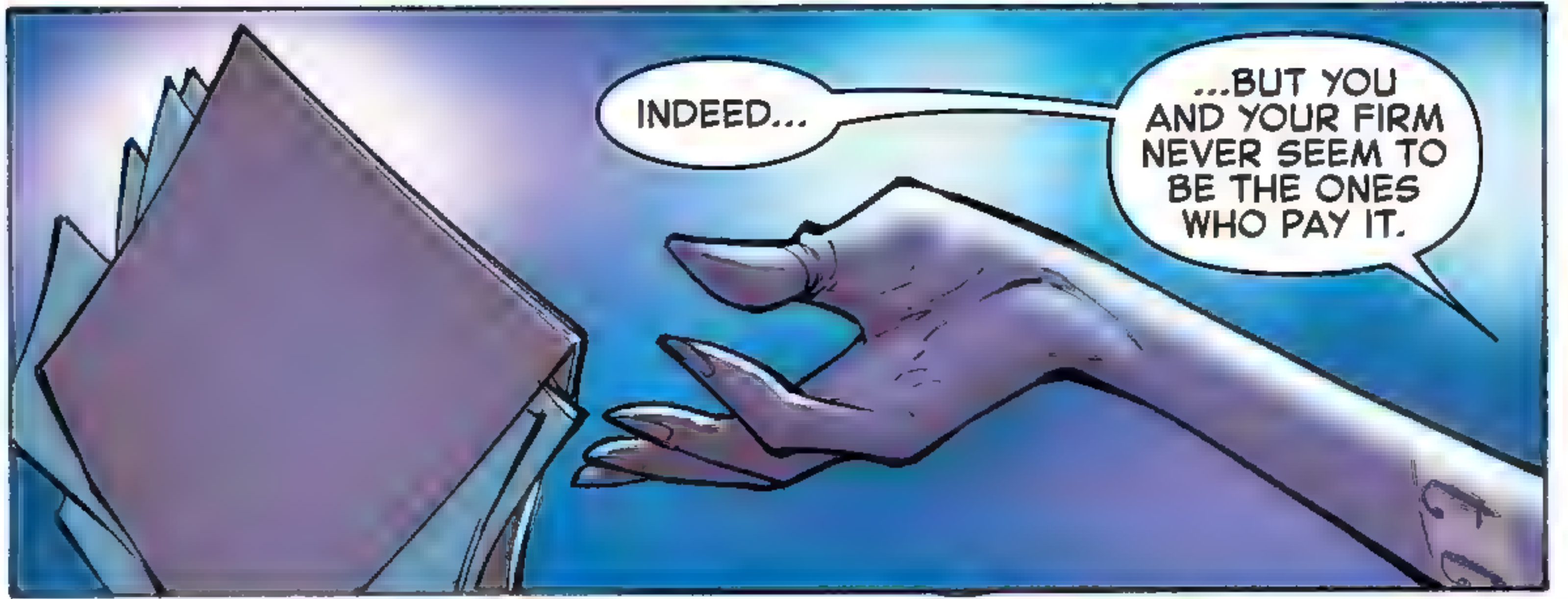
MM, YES--
I IMAGINE YOU
COULD BE QUITE
HELPFUL. BUT I
DO HAVE SOME
QUESTIONS ABOUT
THIS EMERGING
MARKETS FUND--



--FOR INSTANCE, DO YOU HAVE AN EXACT NUMBER OF EAST AFRICAN VILLAGES YOUR MINING COMPANY PARTNERS WILL BE BURNING DOWN IN ORDER TO ENSURE THOSE PROFIT MARGINS?



ER--WELL, MS. DRAKE, AS YOU KNOW, PROGRESS ALWAYS COMES AT A PRICE--



INDEED...

...BUT YOU AND YOUR FIRM NEVER SEEM TO BE THE ONES WHO PAY IT.



OR PERHAPS I COULD ASK ALL THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAD THEIR LIVES DESTROYED BY YOUR GREED BACK DURING THE FINANCIAL CRISIS--

NOW, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY FAIR--WE'RE A WELL-REGARDED FIRM. WE PLAY BY THE RULES--

OH, I'M SURE.

JUST LIKE I'M SURE ALL THOSE S.E.C. OFFICERS YOU HAVE ON YOUR PAYROLL WOULD AGREE. NOT TO MENTION ALL THE UNREGULATED OVERSEAS BANKS, THE DICTATORS AND DESPOTS YOU WORK WITH--

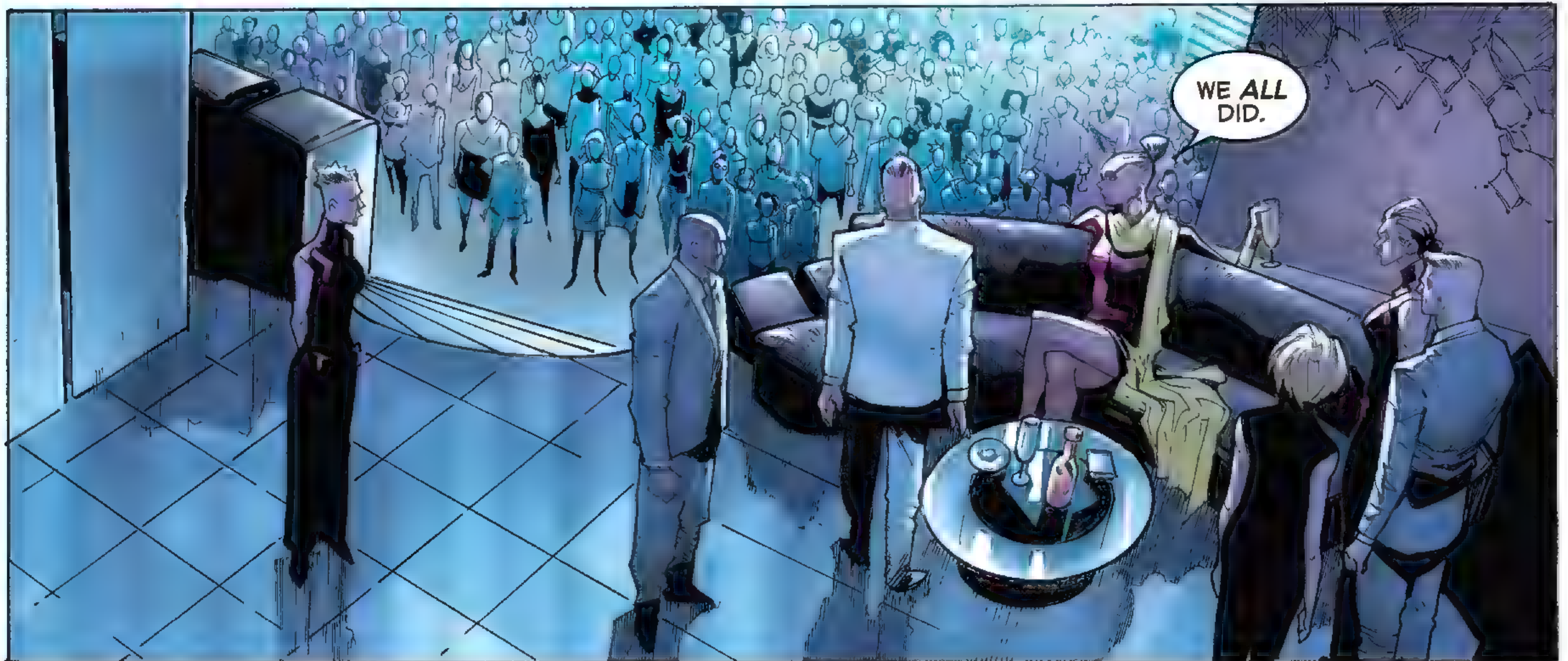


OKAY, CLEARLY THIS WAS A MISTAKE. SORRY--I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING SOME MONEY. THAT'S WHY WHEN I SAW YOU FROM ACROSS THE BAR, I FIGURED I'D COME BY AND SAY HELLO...

OF COURSE, BUT YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND...



...THAT I SAW YOU AS WELL, MR. MCCAULEY--



WE ALL DID.



WHO ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MUSIC? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?

WHAT IS THIS?



WHAT THE #&%& IS THIS?!

IT'S YOUR TRIAL, MR. MCCAULEY, SO I'D WATCH YOUR TONE.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- I CAME TO YOU!

AND THE THIEVES GUILD HAS BEEN RIGHT THERE, WAITING, FOR A LONG TIME.

THE--THE THIEVES GUILD?



THAT'S AN OLD WIVES' TALE!



OLD WIVES SHOULD BE LISTENED TO MORE OFTEN, IN MY OPINION.

BUT I DON'T--I DON'T UNDERSTAND--



YOU WANNA TRY ME FOR WHAT? BILKING SOME CLIENTS? MAKING SHADY MONEY? YOU PEOPLE--YOU'VE DONE WAY #&%& WORSE--

OH, WE DON'T CARE HOW YOU STOLE YOUR MONEY, MR. MCCAULEY--



--WE CARE THAT YOU DIDN'T PAY YOUR DUES.



WHAT,
YOU MEAN THE
FOUNTAIN?!
YOU'RE KIDDING,
RIGHT?

DUMP TEN PERCENT
OF WHAT YOU MADE IN THE
WATER--I SAW ONE OF THE OLD
GUYS DO IT ONCE. COULDN'T STOP
LAUGHIN'--NOT GONNA THROW
AWAY MILLIONS LIKE THAT!



AND NOW
THAT'S GOING TO
SEEM LIKE A REAL
BARGAIN. YOU ARE
IN ARREARS WITH THE
GUILD, SIR. AND
GIVEN YOUR LACK OF
LIQUIDITY THANKS TO
THOSE "AGGRESSIVE
ACQUISITIONS"--



--I'M
AFRAID
WE'LL HAVE TO
COLLECT AS
BEST WE
CAN.

WAIT--WAIT! I'M
SORRY--I DIDN'T
KNOW! I THOUGHT
IT WAS A MYTH--

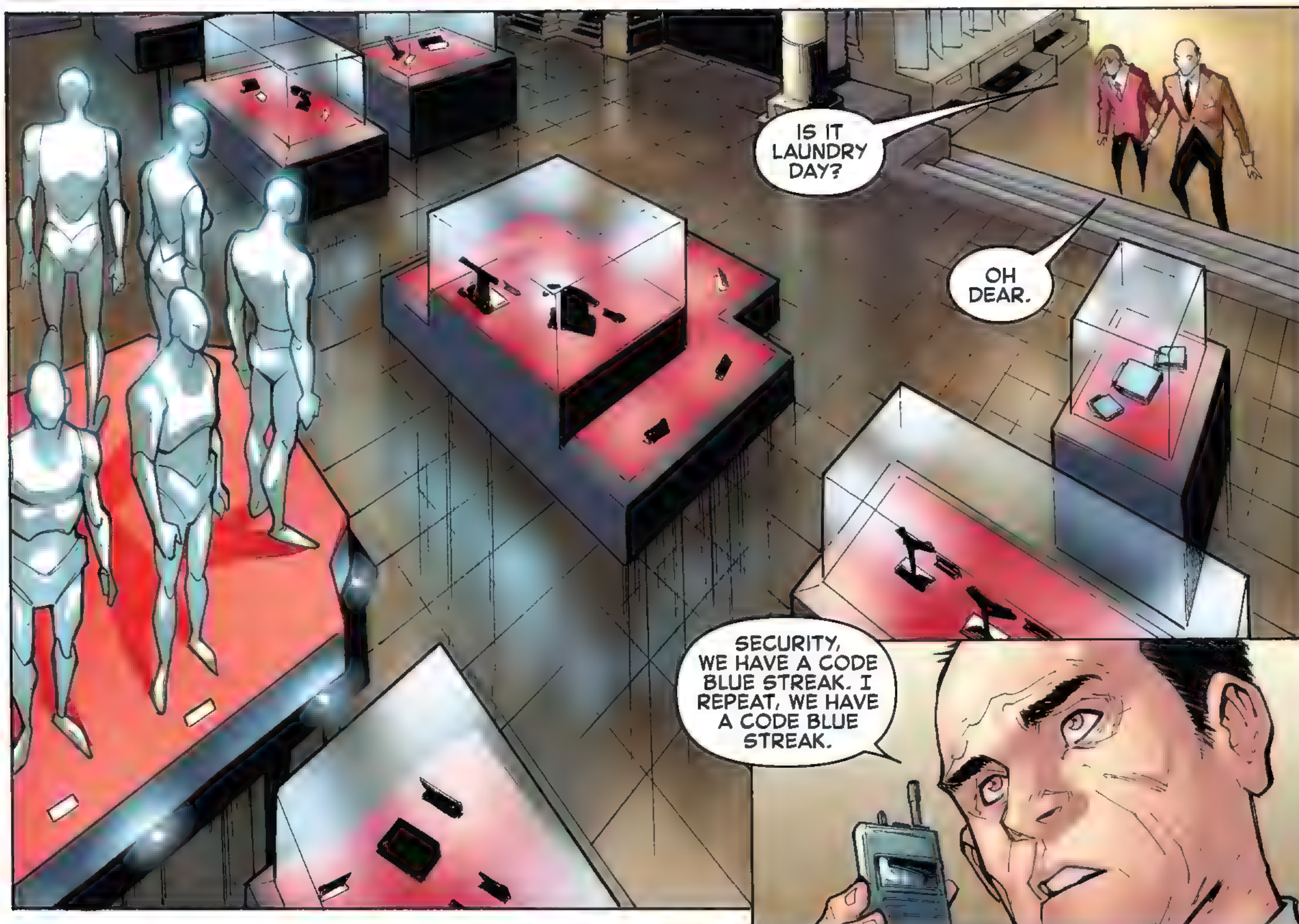
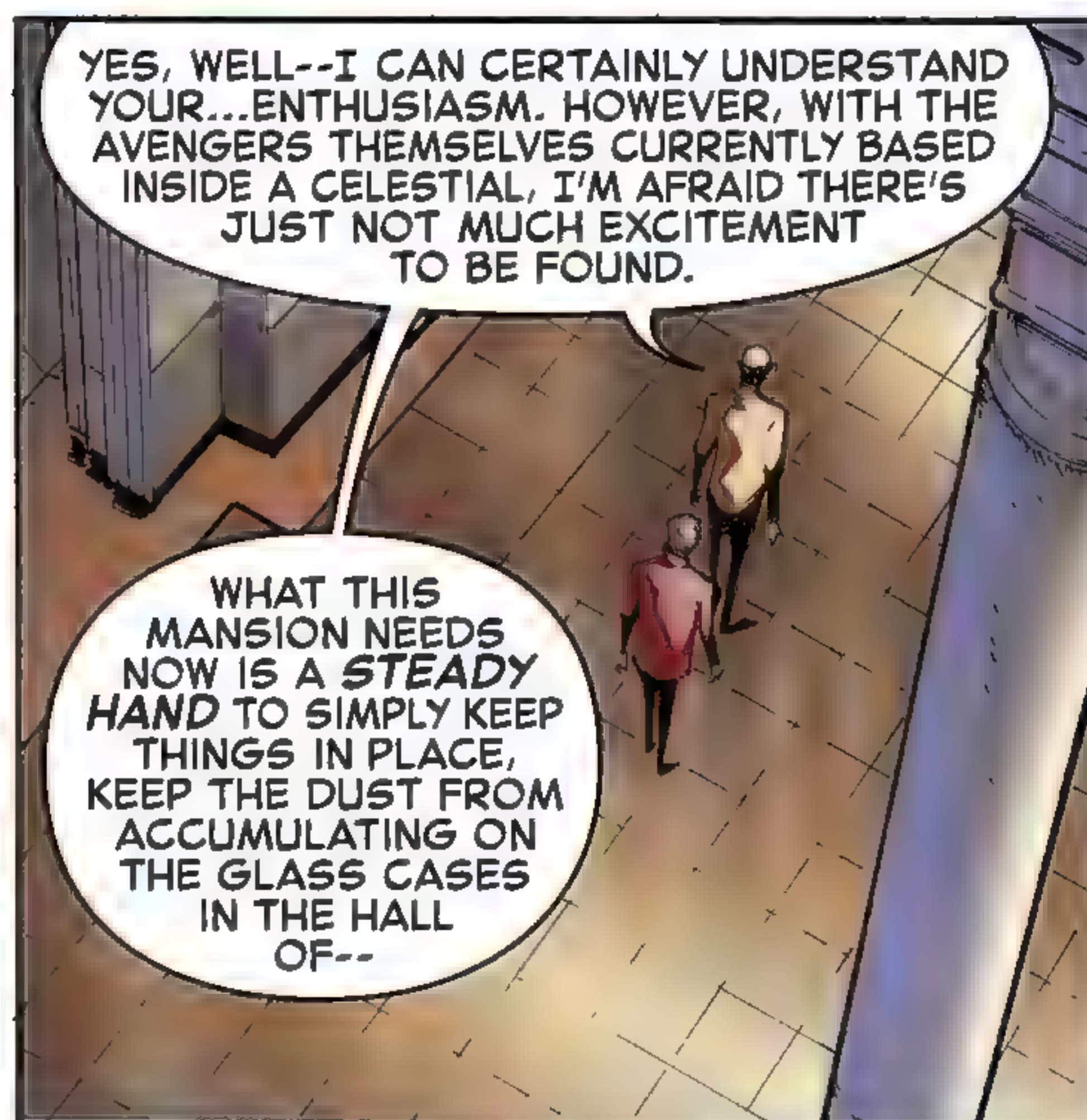
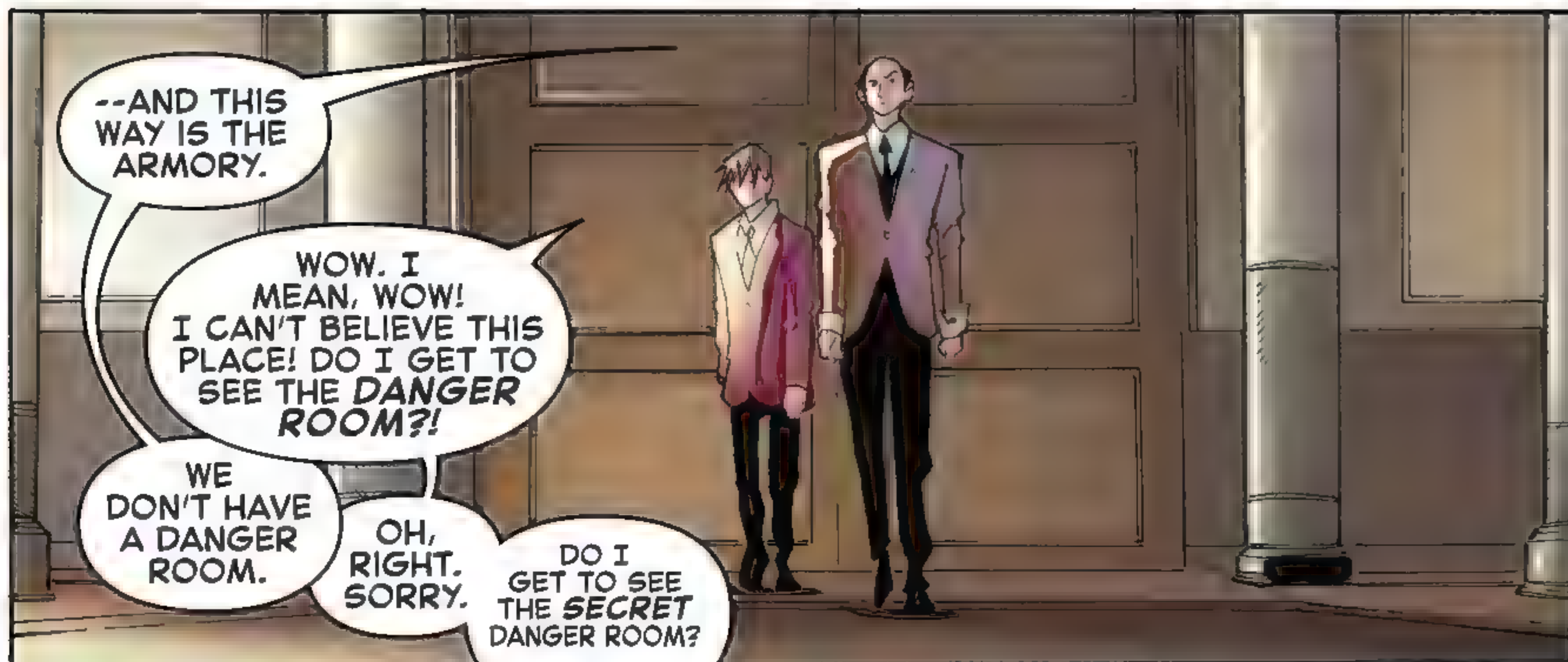
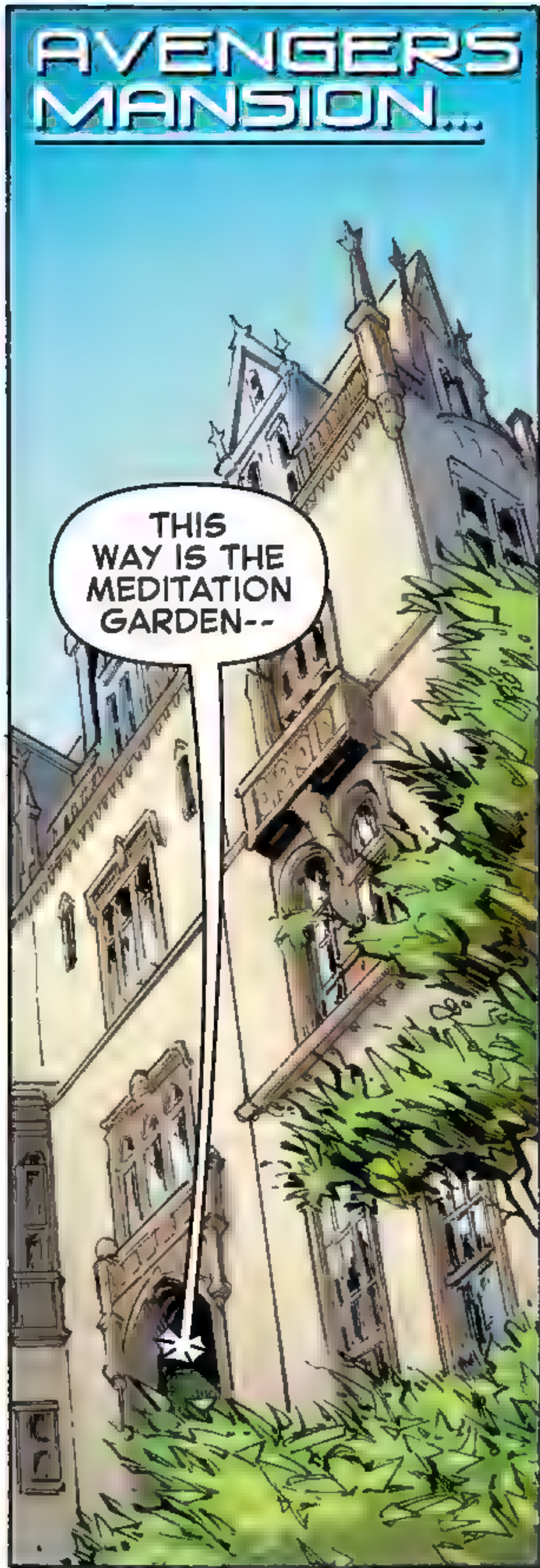


AHH--I SWEAR! I
DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE
REAL--NOBODY
DID--STOP! STOP!
AGGHHH!

A VALID POINT,
I'M AFRAID, MR.
MCCAULEY. WE'VE BEEN
HIDING IN THE SHADOWS
A LITTLE TOO LONG. BUT
IF IT HELPS, I CAN
ASSURE YOU--

--THAT'S
ALL ABOUT TO
CHANGE.





SMORGASBURG.
EAST RIVER STATE PARK.
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

OH MY
GOD, THIS IS
DELICIOUS!

WHAT IS THIS
AGAIN?

HONG KONG
EGG WAFFLE
WITH RAINBOW
VANILLA ICE CREAM,
CARAMEL DRIZZLE
AND--

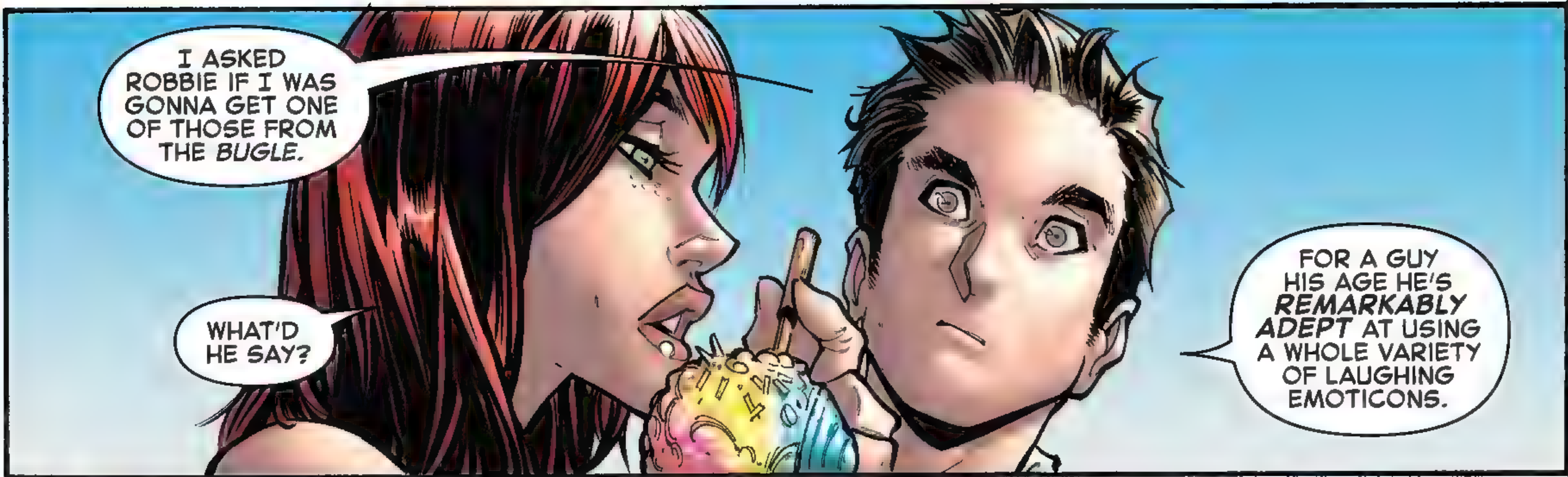
ARE THESE
FRUITY
PEBBLES?!

INDEED THEY ARE, TIGER. IT'S
ALMOST LIKE I KNOW HOW TO
ORDER A TASTY TREAT FOR
THE ONLY ADULT MALE I'VE
EVER MET WHO CONSIDERS
CEREAL DINNER.

HEY, IT'S STRANGELY
FILLING. AND YOU
GET A LOT OF BOWLS
OUT OF ONE BOX--
WHICH IS IMPORTANT
GIVEN MY FUNDS
SITUATION...

YEAH,
WEIRDLY
ENOUGH--

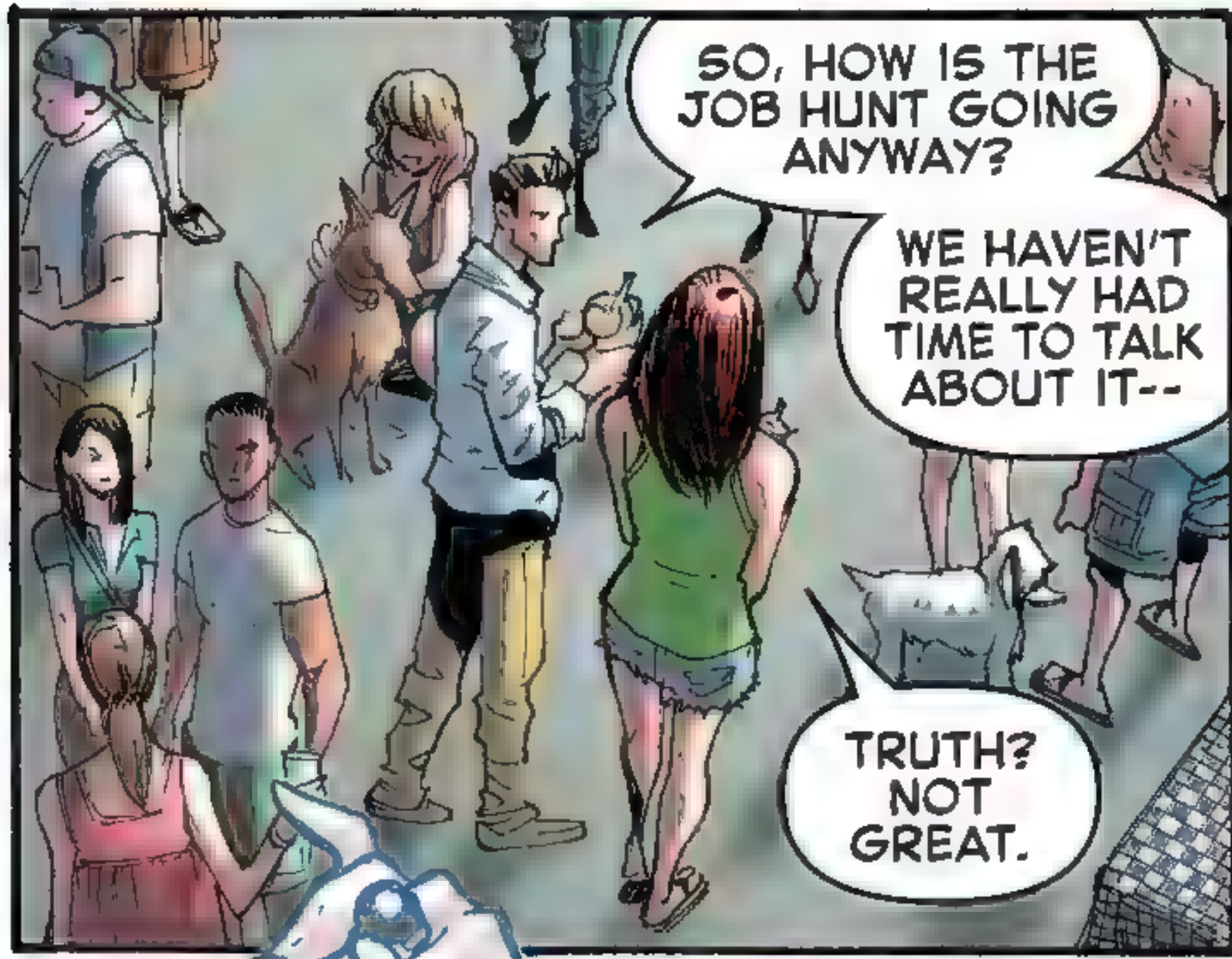
I'M RIGHT
THERE WITH YOU.
I MEAN, THINGS ARE
FINE NOW, BUT MY STARK
SEVERANCE PACKAGE
ISN'T GOING TO
LAST FOREVER.



I ASKED
ROBBIE IF I WAS
GONNA GET ONE
OF THOSE FROM
THE BUGLE.

WHAT'D
HE SAY?

FOR A GUY
HIS AGE HE'S
REMARKABLY
ADEPT AT USING
A WHOLE VARIETY
OF LAUGHING
EMOTICONS.



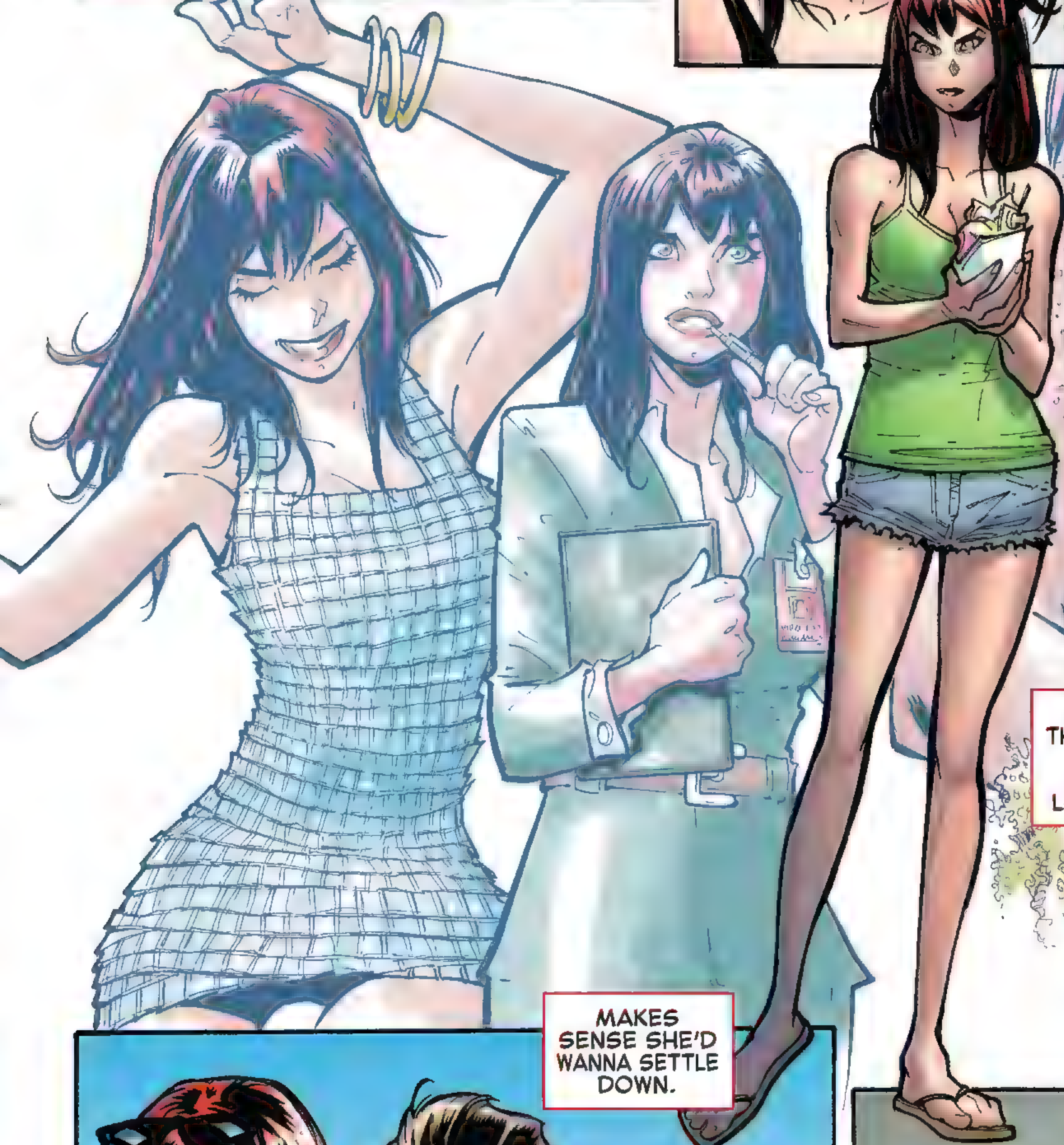
SO, HOW IS THE
JOB HUNT GOING
ANYWAY?

WE HAVEN'T
REALLY HAD
TIME TO TALK
ABOUT IT--

TRUTH?
NOT GREAT.



I MEAN, A LOT OF
POSSIBILITIES
OUT THERE,
BUT--

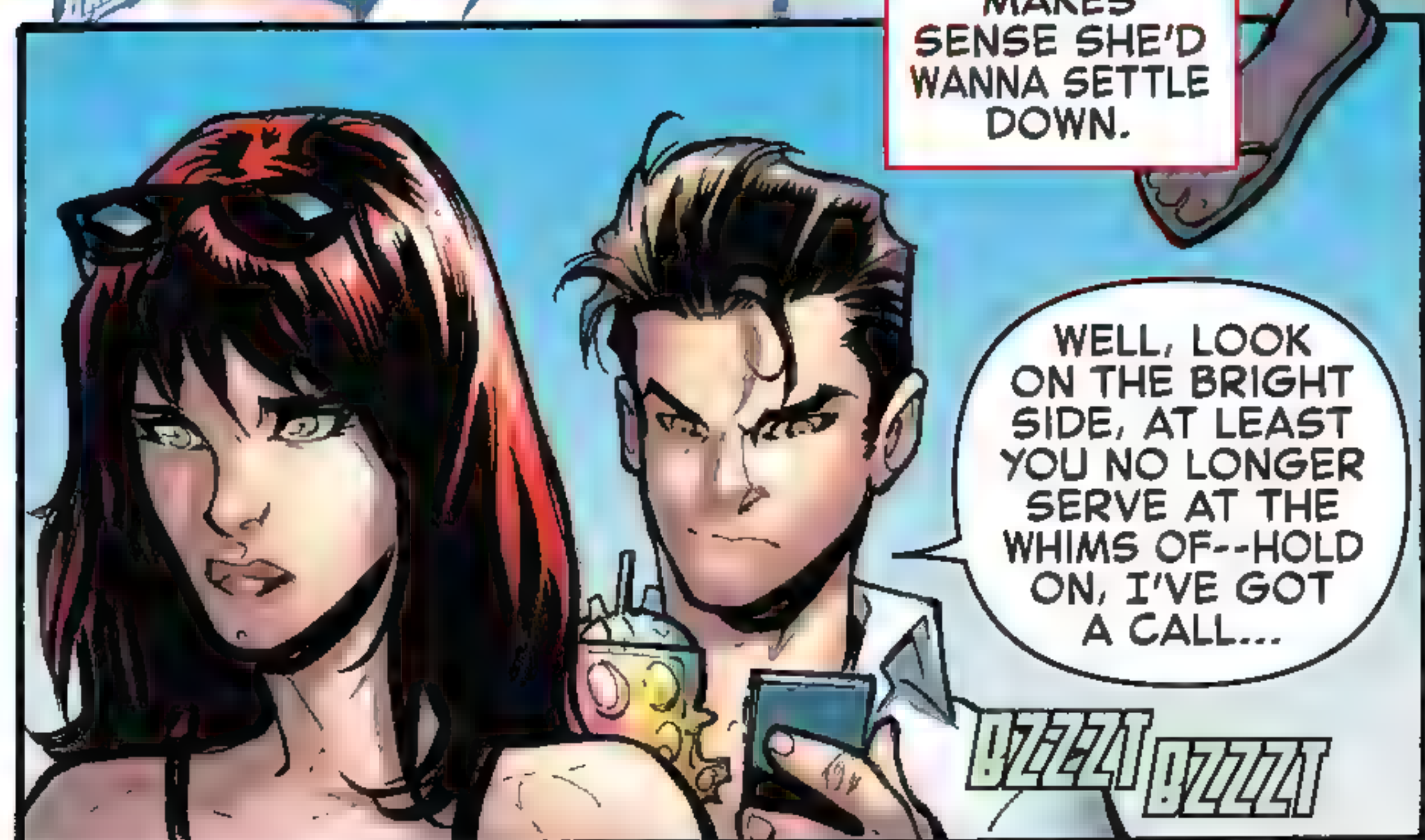


--I JUST
WANT TO FIND
SOMETHING
THAT STICKS
FOR ONCE.

MJ'S BEEN ON
THE OCCUPATIONAL
MERRY-GO-
ROUND FOR A
LONG TIME NOW.

FROM MODEL,
ACTRESS, AND
NIGHTCLUB OWNER
TO A HIGH-POWERED
EXEC AT STARK
INDUSTRIES. SHE'S
DONE IT ALL.

MAKES
SENSE SHE'D
WANNA SETTLE
DOWN.



WELL, LOOK
ON THE BRIGHT
SIDE, AT LEAST
YOU NO LONGER
SERVE AT THE
WHIMS OF--HOLD
ON, I'VE GOT
A CALL...

BUZZZZT BUZZZZT



IT'S--IT'S
HIM.



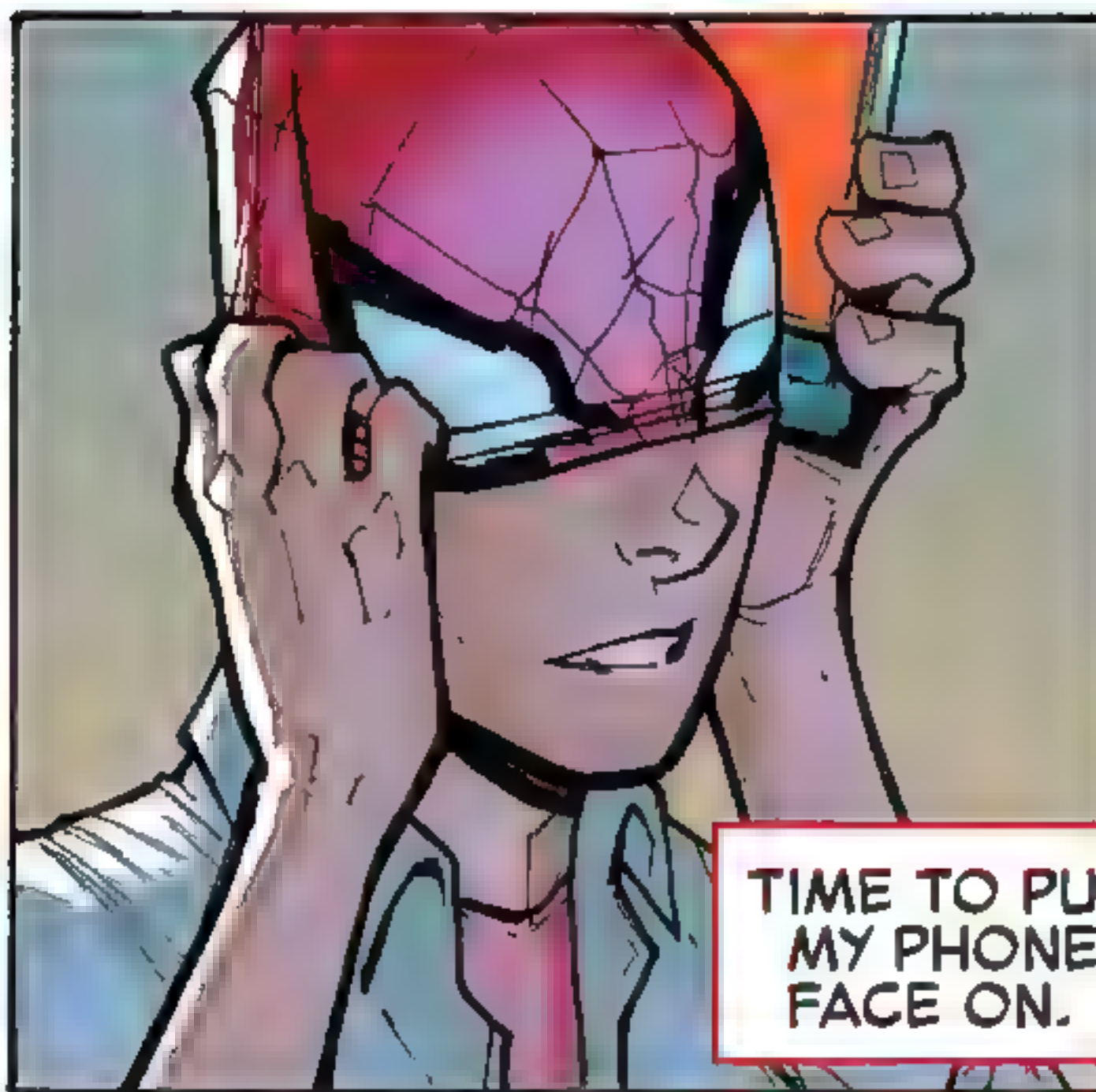
TONY?

BUT
HOW DID
HE--

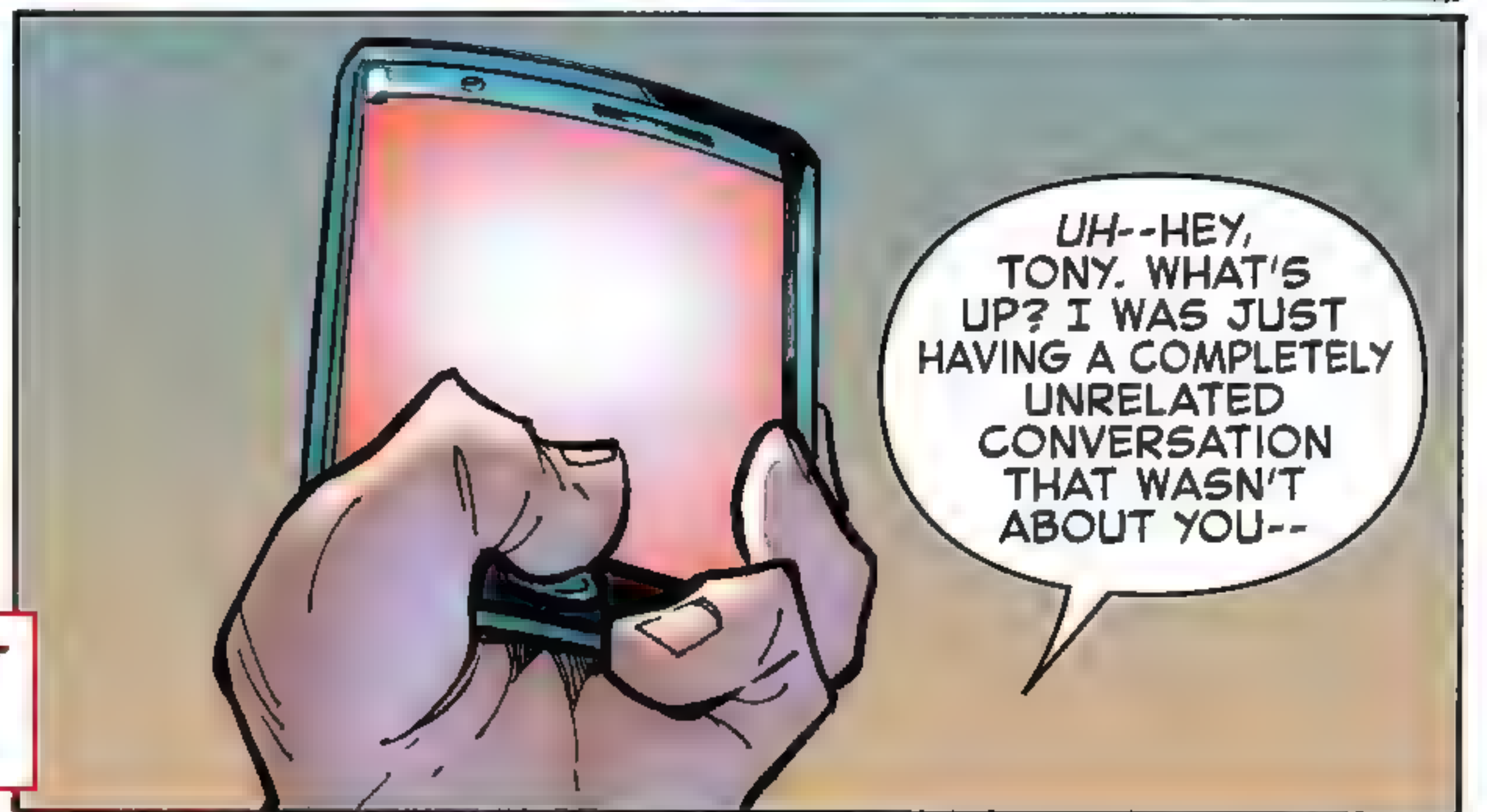
OH MY GOD
THEY REALLY DO
USE THESE PHONES
TO SPY ON ALL OF
US. ONE SEC--



OKAY,
THEN--



TIME TO PUT
MY PHONE
FACE ON.



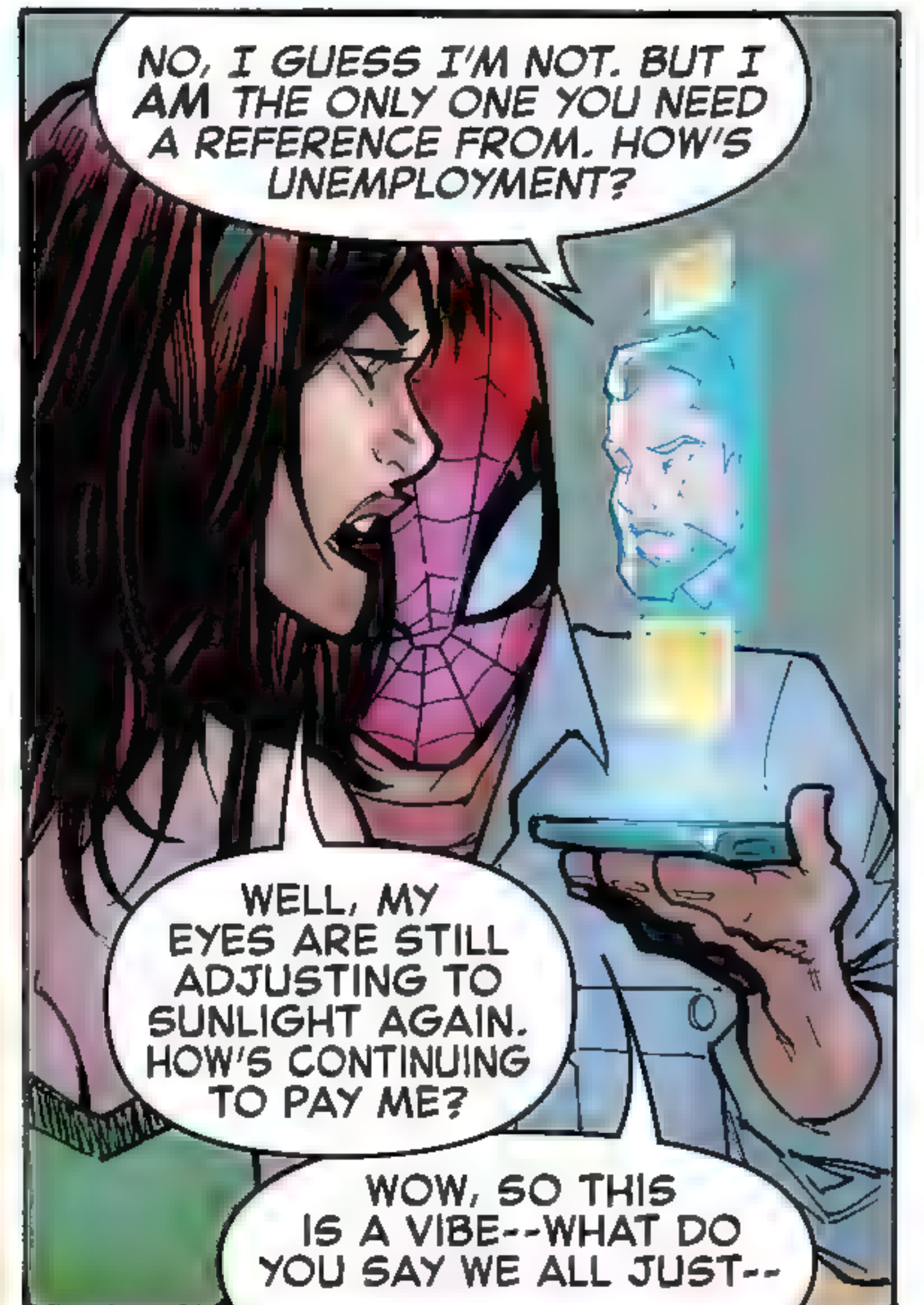
UH--HEY,
TONY. WHAT'S
UP? I WAS JUST
HAVING A COMPLETELY
UNRELATED
CONVERSATION
THAT WASN'T
ABOUT YOU--



SPIDEY.
WAIT--

WATSON?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
THERE?

EXCUSE ME?
YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY SUPER
HERO IN MY LIFE,
REMEMBER?



NO, I GUESS I'M NOT. BUT I
AM THE ONLY ONE YOU NEED
A REFERENCE FROM. HOW'S
UNEMPLOYMENT?

WELL, MY
EYES ARE STILL
ADJUSTING TO
SUNLIGHT AGAIN.
HOW'S CONTINUING
TO PAY ME?

WOW, SO THIS
IS A VIBE--WHAT DO
YOU SAY WE ALL JUST--



HOLD ON A SEC--ARE
YOU TWO...?

NO! NO,
NOTHING LIKE
THAT! SHE'S MY, UM...
UM...BUSINESS
MANAGER.

WHAT
BUSINESS?!
YOU KNOW WHAT?
DOESN'T MATTER--



I'M GONNA SEND
YOU AN ADDRESS.
BE THERE. YOU'RE
NEEDED.

...FOR
WHAT?

URGENT
AVENGERS
BUSINESS.

UH, OKAY?
BUT TONY, YOU KNOW--
IN TERMS OF EVERYBODY
ELSE, I'M MAYBE NOT THE
MOST POPULAR GUY
RIGHT NOW--

IT'S
NOT JUST
EVERYBODY
ELSE. BUT
TRUST ME--



THAT SAME MORNING.
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA.

MORE
NUKES, CAP?
YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING
ME.

AFRAID
NOT, SHARON.
SEEMS LIKE
EVERYWHERE WE GO,
THEY'RE HERE
WAITING--

SPREADING
AN IDEOLOGY OF
HATE. YOU'D THINK
WE'D HAVE PUT THESE
GUYS DOWN BY
NOW--

IT'S
NEVER THAT
EASY. BAD IDEAS
AND THIS
SHIELD...

...THEY'RE
THE TWO
THINGS THAT
ALWAYS COME
BACK AROUND
IN THE--

--END?

THAT SAME MORNING.

HAVE AT--

YEAH, YEAH, HEARD IT ALL BEFORE, THOR. BUT KEEP TELLIN' YA, WE AIN'T "THEE"--

--WE'RE THE WRECKING CREW.

GET HIS HAMMER! IT AIN'T MIL-WHATEVER--WE CAN LIFT THIS ONE!

BE PRETTY SWEET TO KILL GOLDBLOCKS WITH HIS OWN HAMMER. LEMME TRY--

WHILE THAT HAMMER MAY NOT HAVE MJOLNIR'S MAGICKS, REST ASSURED--NONE OF YOU MAY WIELD IT. ONLY A GOD OF--

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME--

WAIT-- WHERE DID IT GO? WHICH ONE OF YOU TOOK MY HAMMER?!

HOW DOES THIS KEEP HAPPENING TO ME?

"WOW, YOUR STUFF? THAT DOES SOUND ANNOYING--"



NOW.

I'LL...UH...
SEE IF I CAN
MOVE SOME
THINGS
AROUND.

MOVE
SOME THINGS
AROUND?!

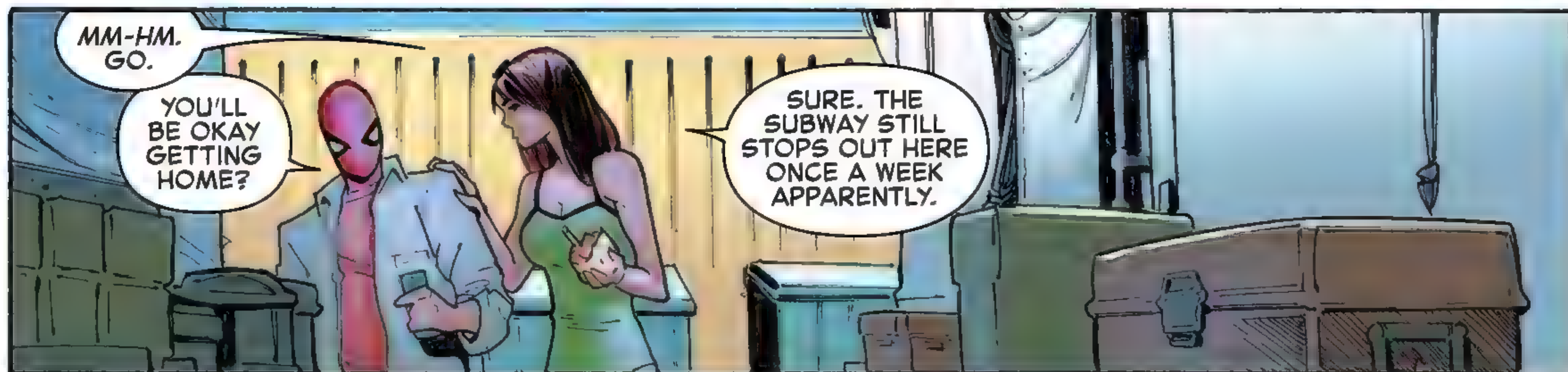
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SO...YOU'RE AN
AVENGER
AGAIN?

I DON'T
THINK SO.
GOD, I HOPE
NOT. SO MANY
MEETINGS.

THOUGH I
GUESS I
COULD USE
THE MONEY.
EITHER WAY,
I REALLY
SHOULD--



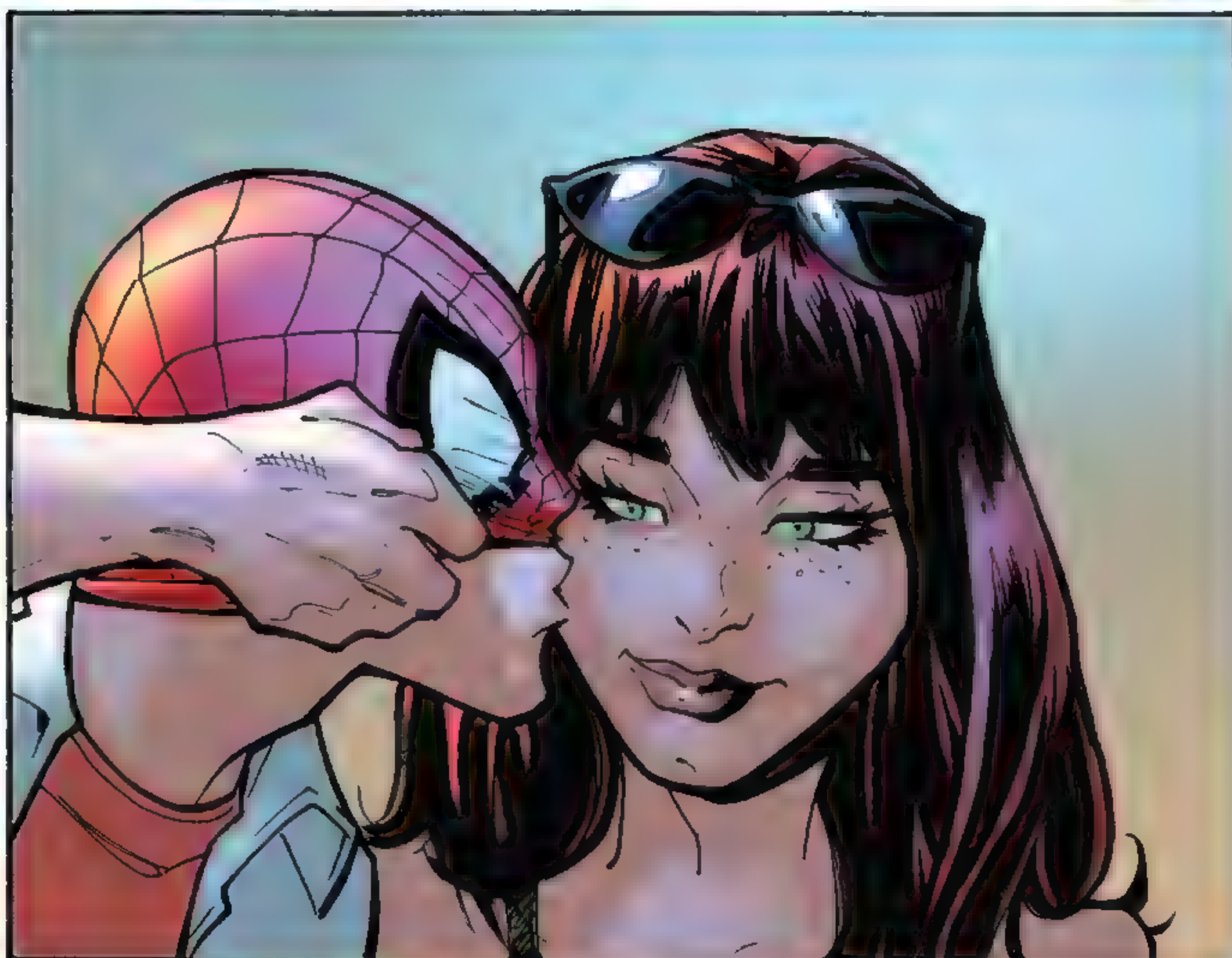
MM-HM.
GO.

YOU'LL
BE OKAY
GETTING
HOME?

SURE. THE
SUBWAY STILL
STOPS OUT HERE
ONCE A WEEK
APPARENTLY.



YOU'RE
THE
BEST.



DON'T
WAIT
UP!

I
NEVER
DO!



DON'T YOU
HATE HOW
HE'S ALWAYS
DOING THAT?

SOME
THINGS
NEVER
CHANGE.



IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE WERE GATHERED LIKE THIS, MY FELLOW MEMBERS. AND IT PAINS ME TO SAY--

THE YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN KIND. THE OLD ORDERS HAVE COLLAPSED...



AND IN THEIR PLACE STANDS CHAOS.

FOOLS AND MADMEN IN COSTUMES, DENIGRATING OUR PROFESSION. NO RULES, NO ORDER, NO UNION.

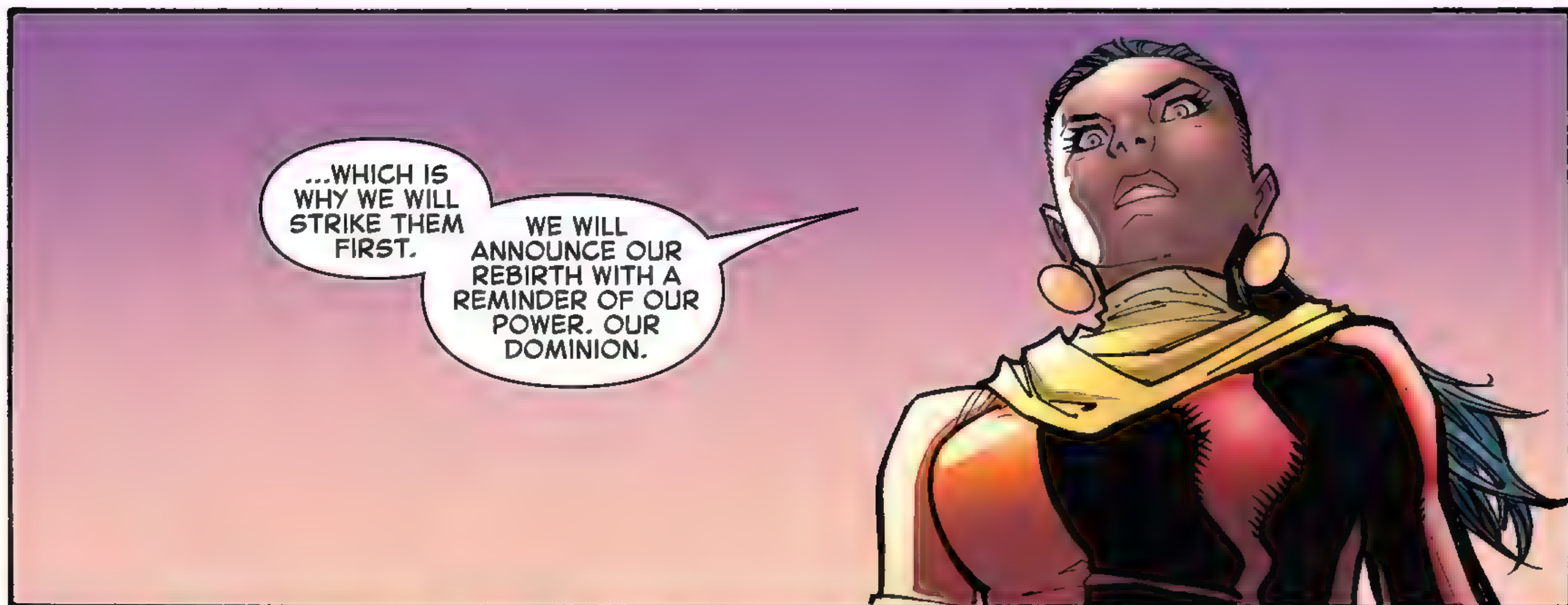


AND THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT. ON THE OTHER SIDE--



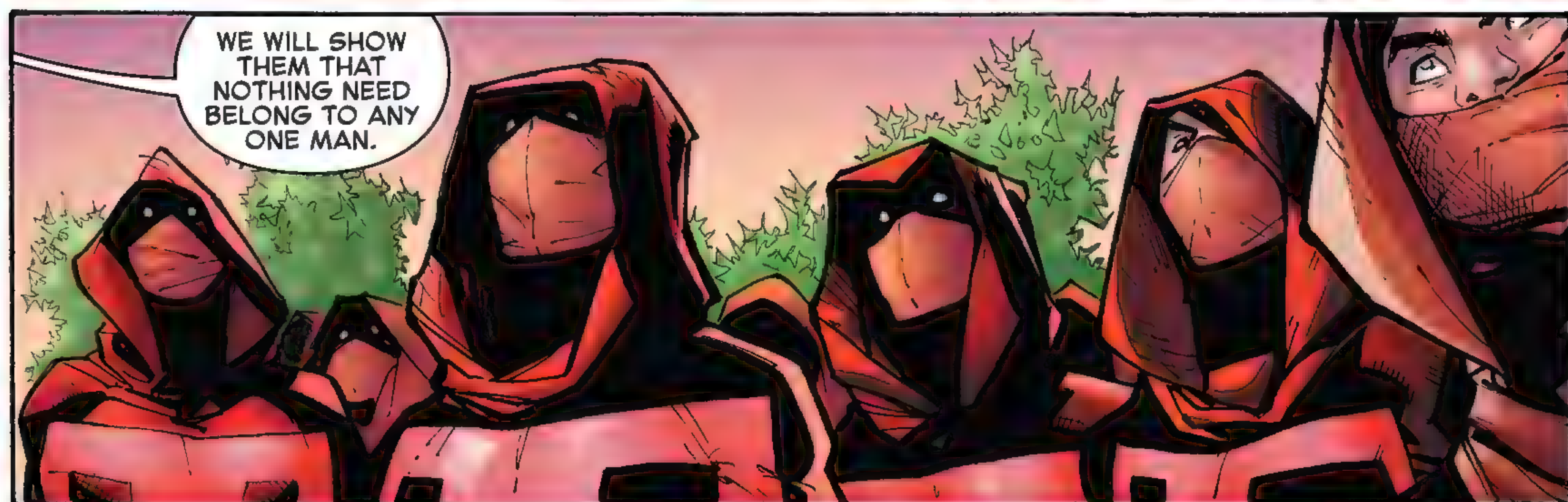
"--THESE SELF-APPOINTED VIGILANTES TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

"THEY MAKE OUR SACRED WORK FAR MORE VIOLENT, FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT SHOULD EVER BE..."



...WHICH IS
WHY WE WILL
STRIKE THEM
FIRST.

WE WILL
ANNOUNCE OUR
REBIRTH WITH A
REMINDER OF OUR
POWER. OUR
DOMINION.



WE WILL SHOW
THEM THAT
NOTHING NEED
BELONG TO ANY
ONE MAN.



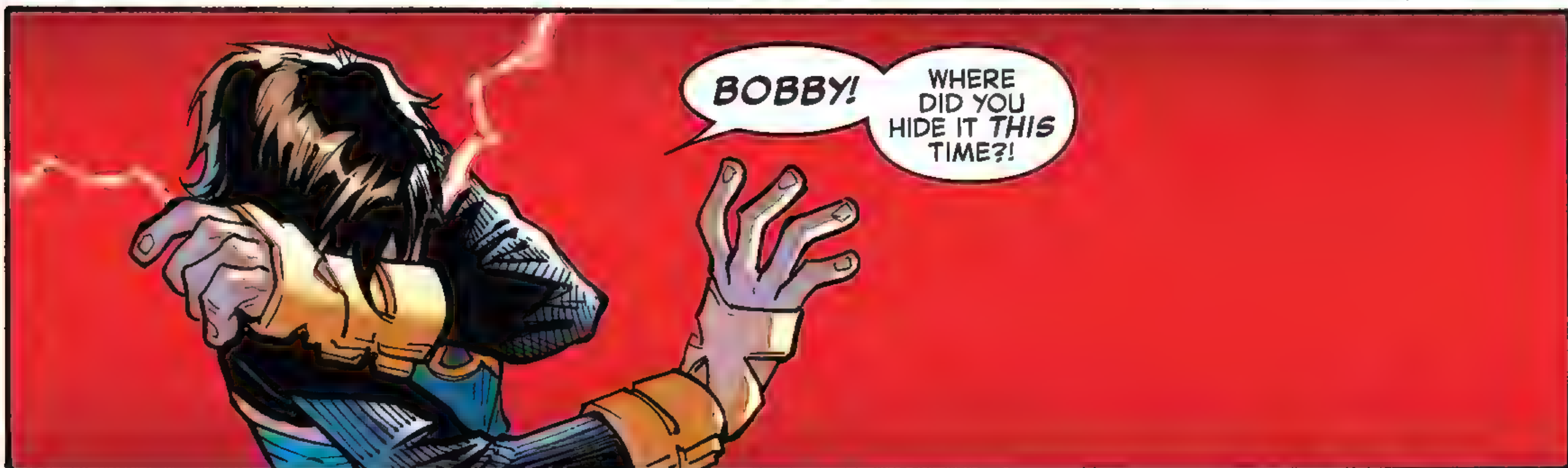
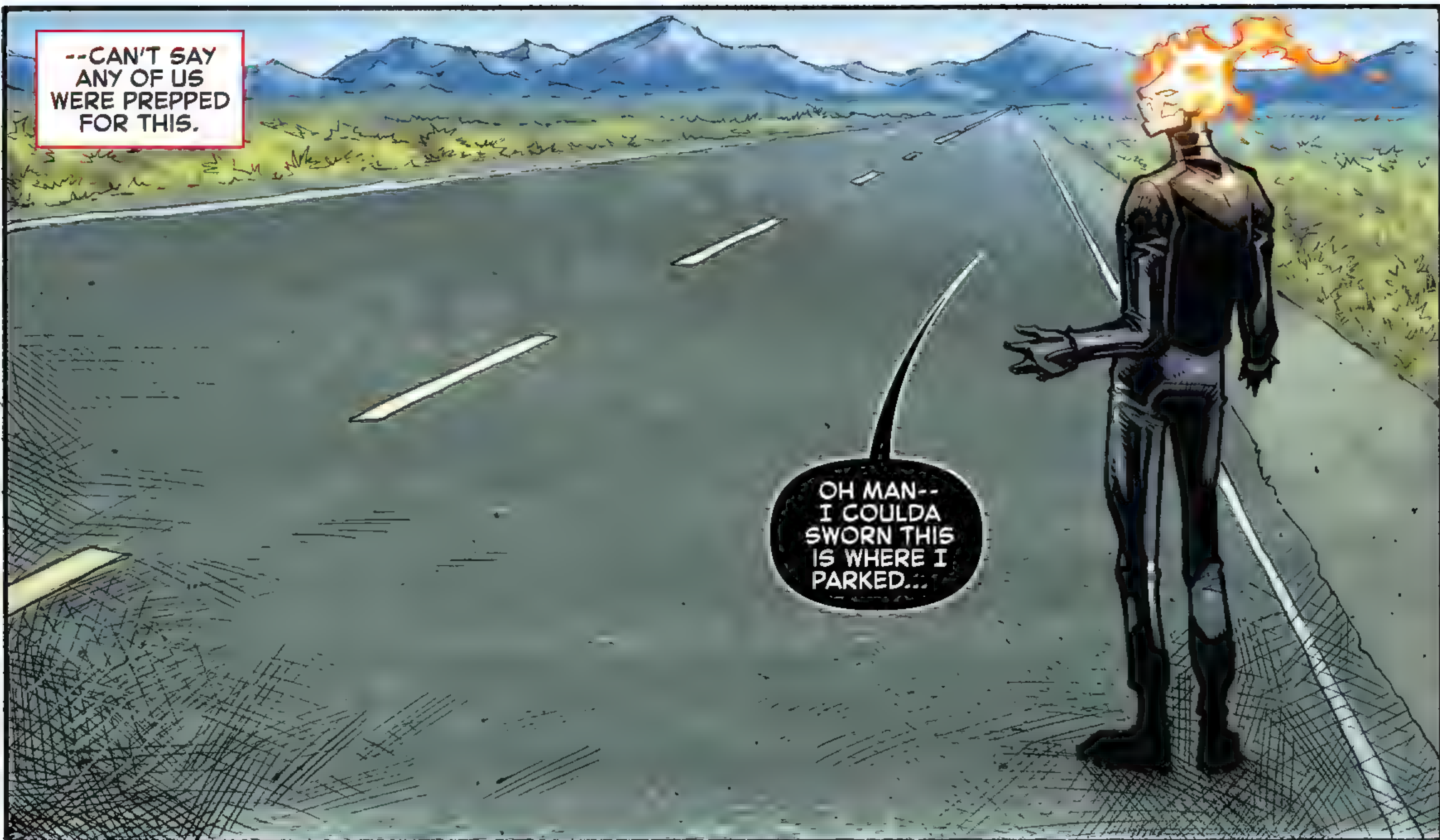
TONIGHT,
WE RETAKE
OUR RIGHTFUL
PLACE IN
THIS LOST
WORLD.

TONIGHT--
WE RESTORE
THE HONOR OF
THIEVES!



SO GO!
DANCE
BETWEEN THE
SHADOWS--





SO THIS
IS WHERE
WE ARE.

ALL OVER THE WORLD,
SUPER-TYPES AND
COSTUME-TYPES
GETTING THEIR GEAR
GONE, SNATCHED BY
MYSTERIOUS FORCES.

SOUNDS LIKE A JOB
FOR THE WORLD'S
BEST DETECTIVE.

AND ALSO ME,
THE GUY WHO
NEVER WINS
AT CLUE.

BUT HEY, I'M
SURE THE OTHER
HEROES WILL
APPRECIATE THE--

--HELP?!

MY WEB-
SHOOTERS!
THEY STOLE MY
WEB-SHOOTERS.

I REALLY
SHOULD'VE
SEEN THAT
COMING.

ON THE PLUS SIDE,
I CAN PROBABLY
SURVIVE THIS
FALL--I THINK?!



WOULD RATHER
NOT FIND OUT
HOW THE SIDEWALK
FEELS ON MY
BACK, THOUGH.

IF ONLY THERE
WERE SOMETHING
ON THE WAY DOWN--
SOMETHING THAT
I COULD--

--GRAB
ONTO.

**BLACK
CAT!**

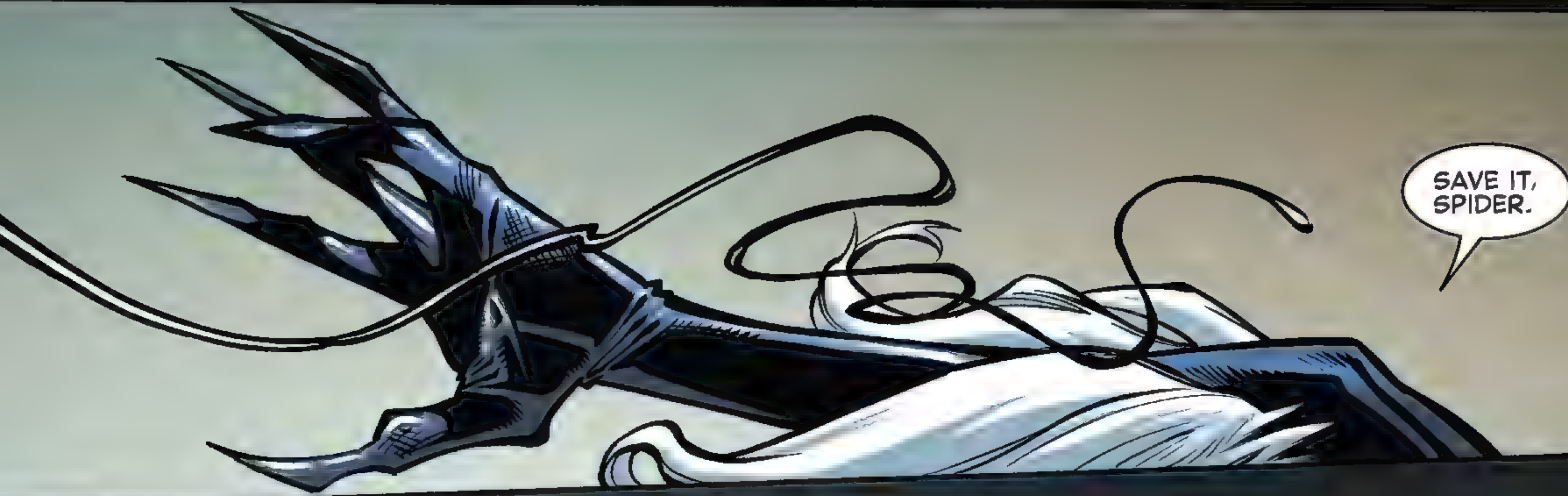
OR THAT
COULD GRAB
ONTO ME, I
GUESS.

FELICIA--
OH MAN, AM I
GLAD TO SEE
YOU.

BUT WAIT,
HOW DID YOU
KNOW WHERE
I WAS?

DID I
BUTTDIAL
YOU?





SAVE IT,
SPIDER.



YOU AND I
HAVE SOME
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS!

OKAY,
FINE--

--NOW IT'S
A PARTY.

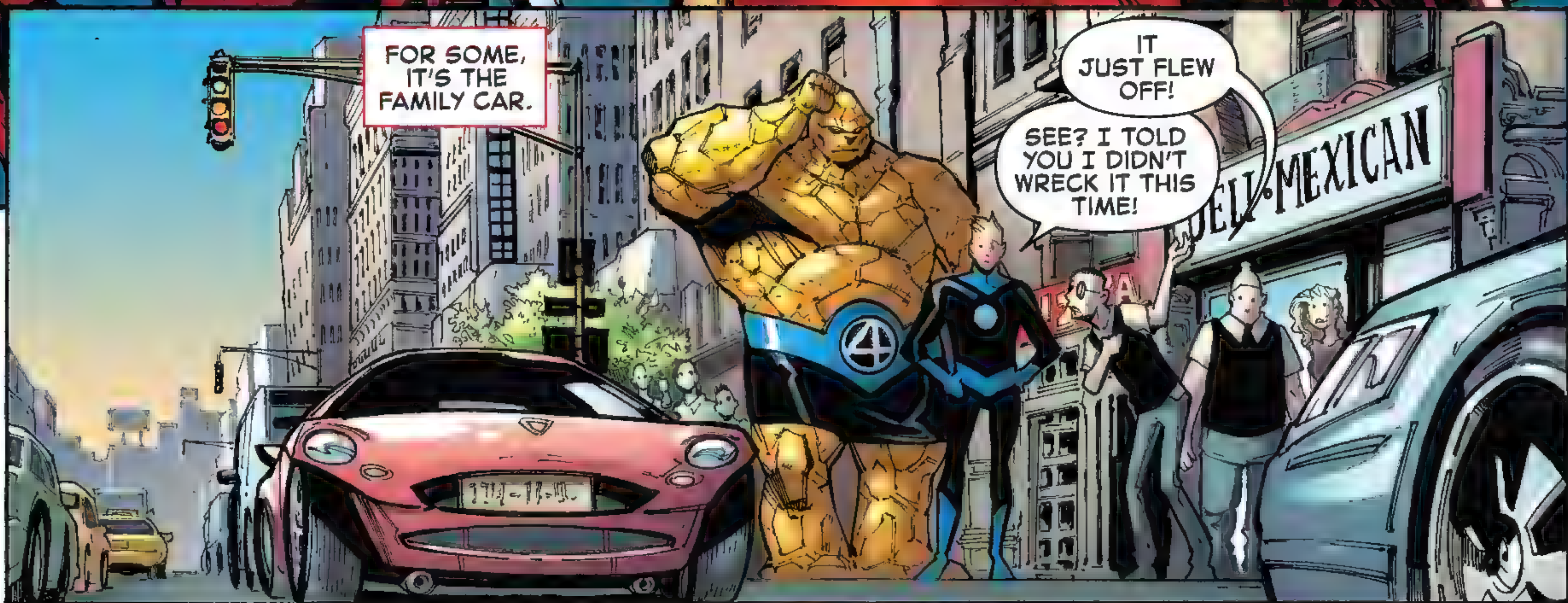




WE ALL HAVE THINGS WE CARE ABOUT.

AND I DON'T JUST MEAN PEOPLE, OR BELIEFS, OR WHATEVER. I MEAN *THINGS*.

TREASURED BELONGINGS THAT MEAN SOMETHING TO US.



FOR SOME, IT'S THE FAMILY CAR.

IT JUST FLEW OFF!

SEE? I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WRECK IT THIS TIME!



FOR OTHERS, SOMETHING TIED TO A PARTICULAR SKILL OR HOBBY THEY'VE BEEN PRACTICING THEIR WHOLE LIVES...

HEY! MY ARROWS!

OR FOR MANY IT'S A BELOVED HOUSEPET. WHICH, I GET IT, INSTAGRAM, IS KIND OF ITS OWN CATEGORY--



TIPPY-TOE!

BUT THE BIGGER POINT IS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE, ODDS ARE SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS IT TOO--

A large comic book panel featuring Spider-Man and Black Cat. Spider-Man is in his classic red and blue suit, shown from the waist up, with his arms outstretched. Black Cat is in her black and white suit, with long white hair, shown from the waist up, with her arms outstretched. They are both in a dynamic, almost dancing pose. In the background, there are smaller images of Spider-Man and Black Cat in various poses, including one where Spider-Man is in a crouched position with his arms outstretched, and another where Black Cat is in a crouched position with her arms outstretched. The background is a dark, textured blue.

--AND FELICIA HARDY--A.K.A. THE BLACK CAT--HAS MADE A CAREER OUT OF GETTING WHAT SHE WANTS.

SHE STARTED OUT AS A WORLD-CLASS CAT BURGLAR AND ONE OF MY TOUGHEST ADVERSARIES--

--BUT EVENTUALLY, WE LEARNED TO WORK AROUND HER PROCLIVITIES TO BECOME ALLIES...

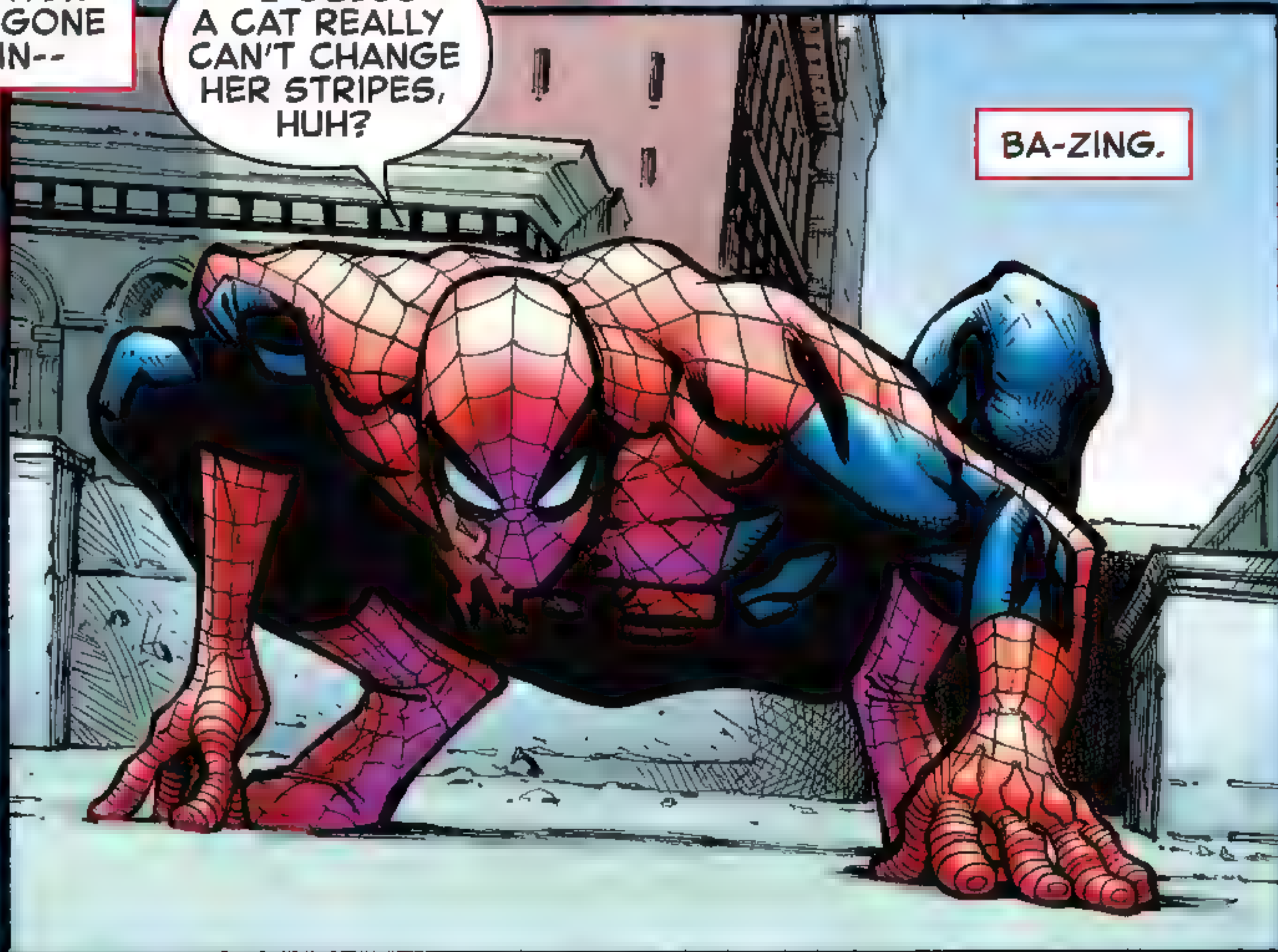
...AND, UM, SOMETHING MORE.

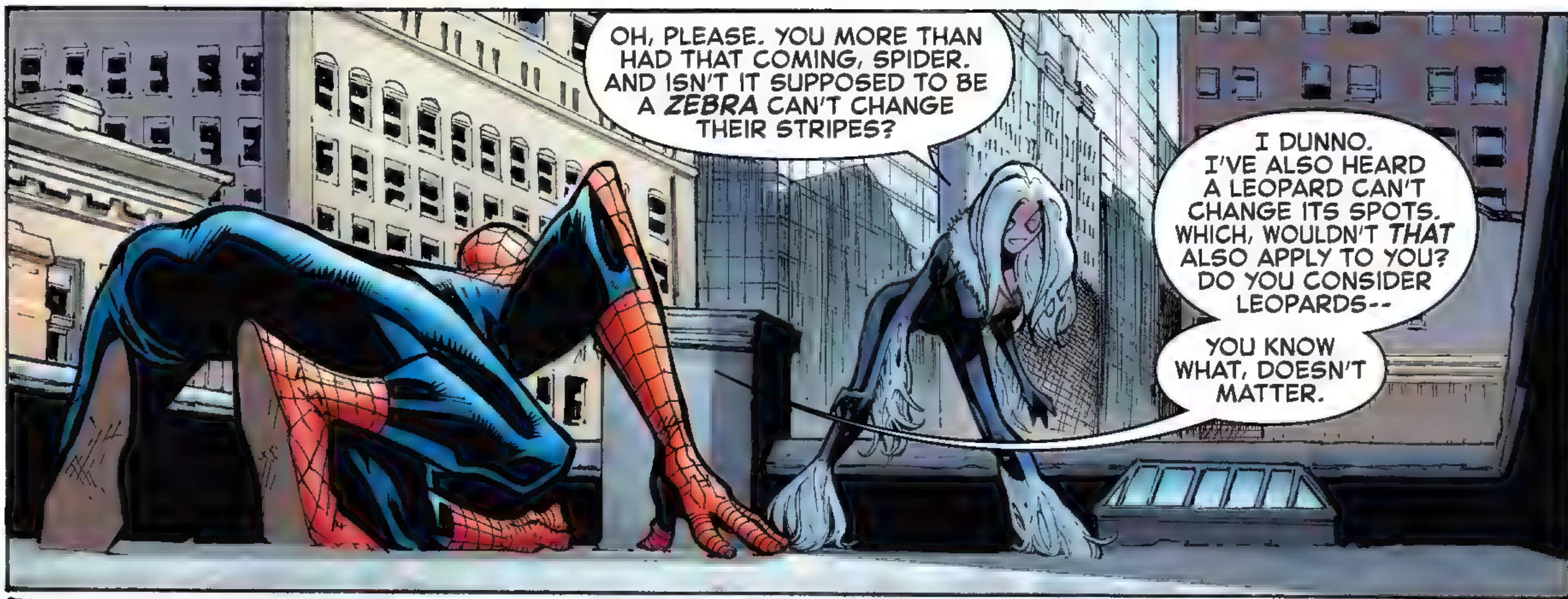
THAT OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T LAST.

MORE RECENTLY SHE TOOK A NASTY TURN, BECOMING THE QUEENPIN OF CRIME, RUNNING NEW YORK'S UNDERWORLD. I THOUGHT SHE'D GIVEN THAT UP, THOUGH. GONE LEGIT. THEN AGAIN--

--I GUESS A CAT REALLY CAN'T CHANGE HER STRIPES, HUH?

BA-ZING.





OH, PLEASE. YOU MORE THAN HAD THAT COMING, SPIDER. AND ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO BE A ZEBRA CAN'T CHANGE THEIR STRIPES?

I DUNNO. I'VE ALSO HEARD A LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE ITS SPOTS. WHICH, WOULDN'T THAT ALSO APPLY TO YOU? DO YOU CONSIDER LEOPARDS--

YOU KNOW WHAT, DOESN'T MATTER.



THE POINT IS, IF YOU'VE JOINED THE DARK SIDE AGAIN, I'M NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT, LADY--

--AND NO AMOUNT OF MAKEOUT HISTORY IS GONNA HOLD ME BACK THIS TIME!

DARK SIDE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

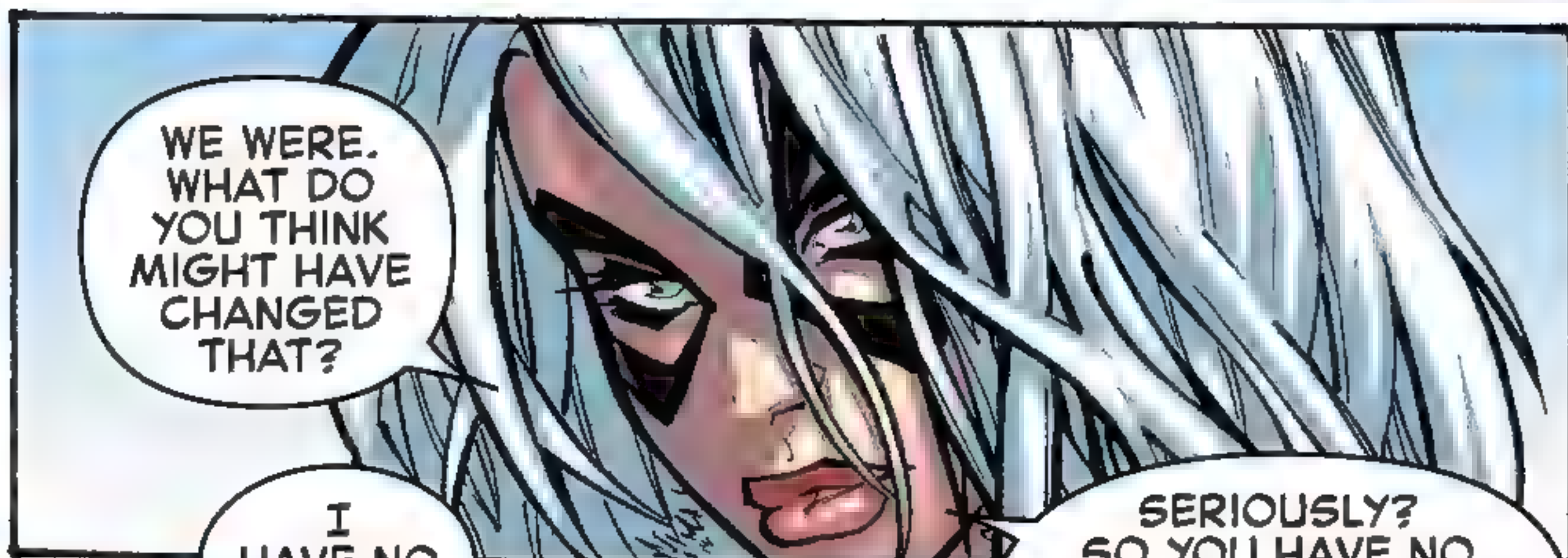
DID YOU NOT NOTICE I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE? WHY WOULD I DO THAT?



UH, I DUNNO... CATS ALWAYS TOY WITH THEIR PREY?

WOW, YOU ARE REALLY LEANING INTO THE SCHTICK TONIGHT, AREN'T YOU?

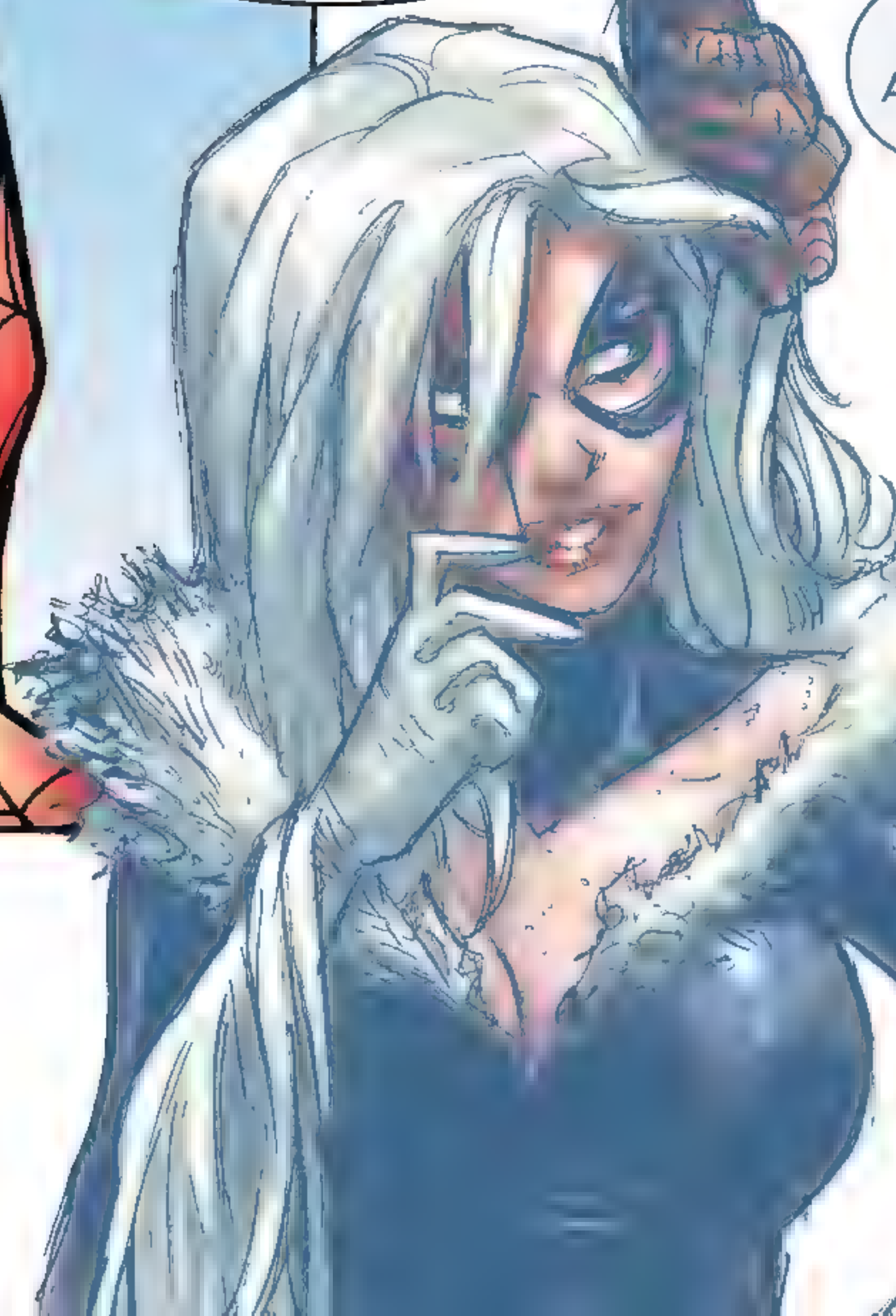
WELL--IF YOU'RE NOT A BAD GUY AGAIN, WHY DID YOU HIT ME? I THOUGHT WE WERE COOL!



WE WERE. WHAT DO YOU THINK MIGHT HAVE CHANGED THAT?

I HAVE NO IDEA...

SERIOUSLY? SO YOU HAVE NO MEMORY OF SHOWING UP AT MY PLACE THE OTHER DAY LIKE A CREEP, SAYING--



HEY, BABY, I'M ALL SPIDER NOW...

AW, NO. ONCE AGAIN, I ONLY HAVE MYSELF TO BLAME. OR RATHER--

--THE
OTHER
ME.

BECAUSE
FOR A WHILE
THERE, YES,
THERE WERE
TWO OF ME.

HIJINKS ENSUED,
LESSONS WERE
LEARNED--

--BUT THERE IS
NO WAY I'M EVER
GONNA BE ABLE
TO EXPLAIN THIS.

FELICIA,
I CAN
EXPLAIN--

I BET. DID
DOCTOR OCTOPUS
TAKE OVER YOUR BODY
AGAIN? OR MAYBE IT
WAS A **CLONE** FOR
THE MILLIONTH
TIME--

NO, NO,
NOTHING LIKE
THAT--

--AN
ISOTOPIIC GENOME
ACCELERATOR SPLIT ME
INTO TWO SEPARATE
ENTITIES, EACH LACKING
CRITICAL ATTRIBUTES OF THE
OTHER HALF, MEANING ONE
SIDE DIDN'T HAVE A SENSE
OF IMPULSE CONTROL
OR PERSONAL
RESPONSI--

PLEASE
JUST STOP
TALKING BEFORE
I HIT YOU
AGAIN.

OH GOD,
WAIT--WE
DIDN'T--
DID WE?

NO. BUT
WOW, TRY NOT
TO SEEM SO
MORTIFIED AT
THE PROSPECT,
SPIDER.

SORRY,
IT'S JUST--

IT DOESN'T MATTER. I
GOT IT OUT OF MY SYSTEM,
IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.
THIS WAS ACTUALLY A
BUSINESS CALL.

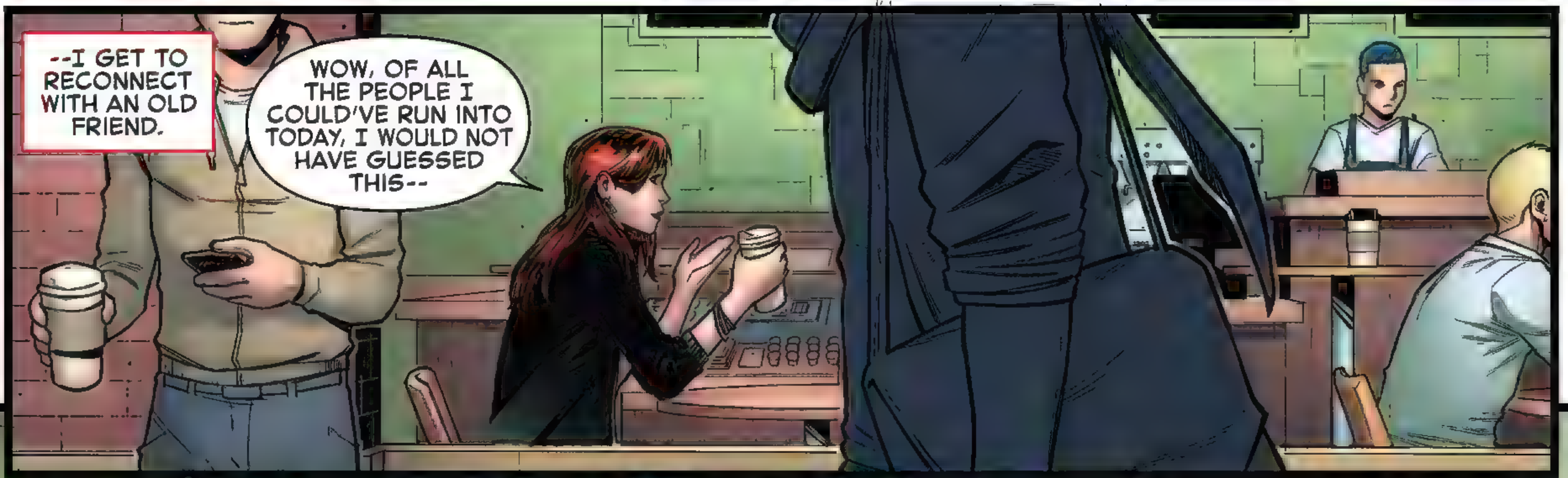
WHAT
BUSINESS?

THE KIND
THAT HAS YOU
FALLING TO YOUR
DEATH RIGHT
BEFORE I FIND
YOU.

YEAH,
WHAT'S UP
WITH THAT? MY
WEB-SHOOTERS
JUST...VANISHED.
AND SO DID CAP'S
SHIELD, IRON
MAN'S ARMOR--
A WHOLE **BUNCH**
OF STUFF. AND
NOBODY KNOWS
WHO'S TAKING
IT--

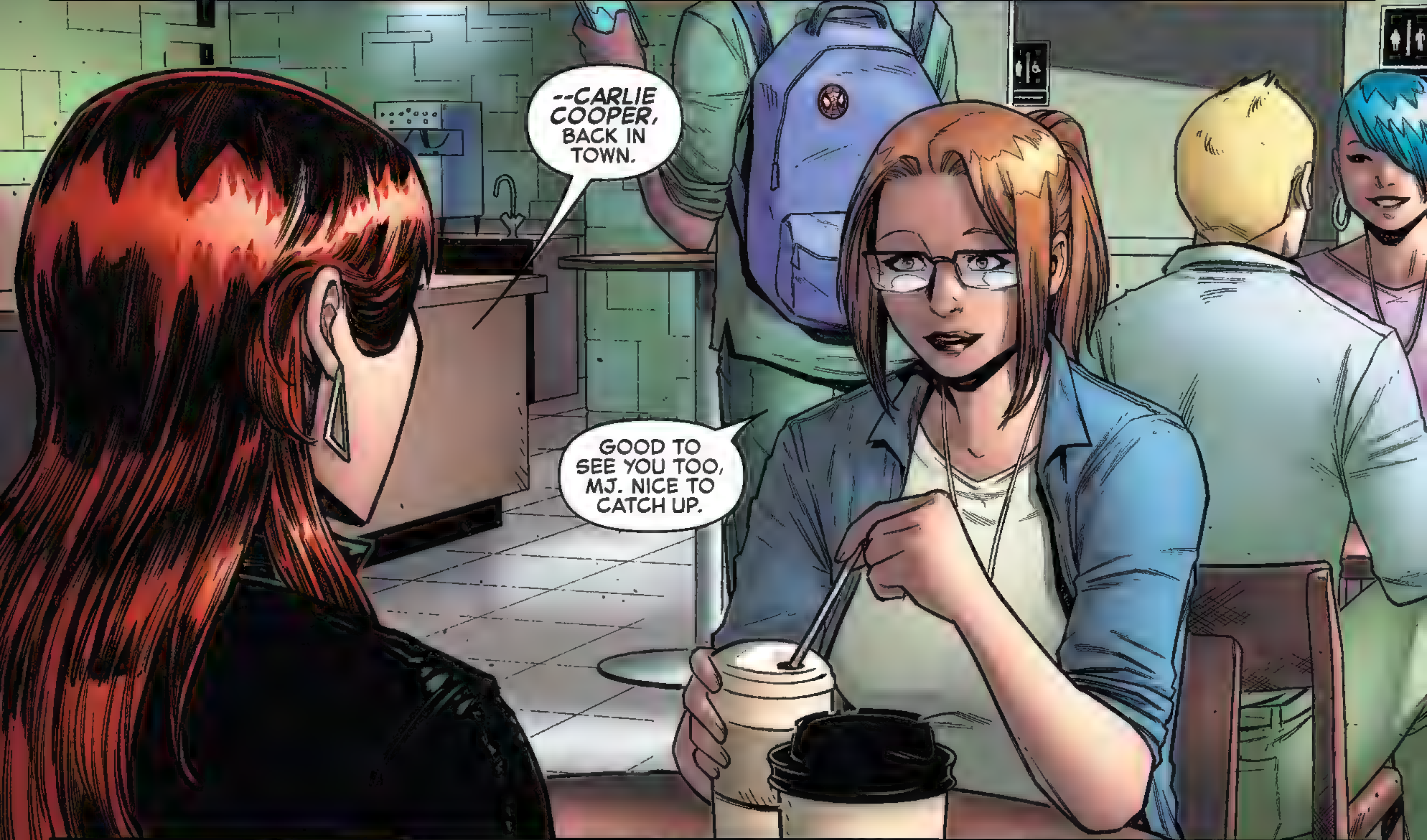
I DO.





--I GET TO RECONNECT WITH AN OLD FRIEND.

WOW, OF ALL THE PEOPLE I COULD'VE RUN INTO TODAY, I WOULD NOT HAVE GUESSED THIS--



--CARLIE COOPER, BACK IN TOWN.

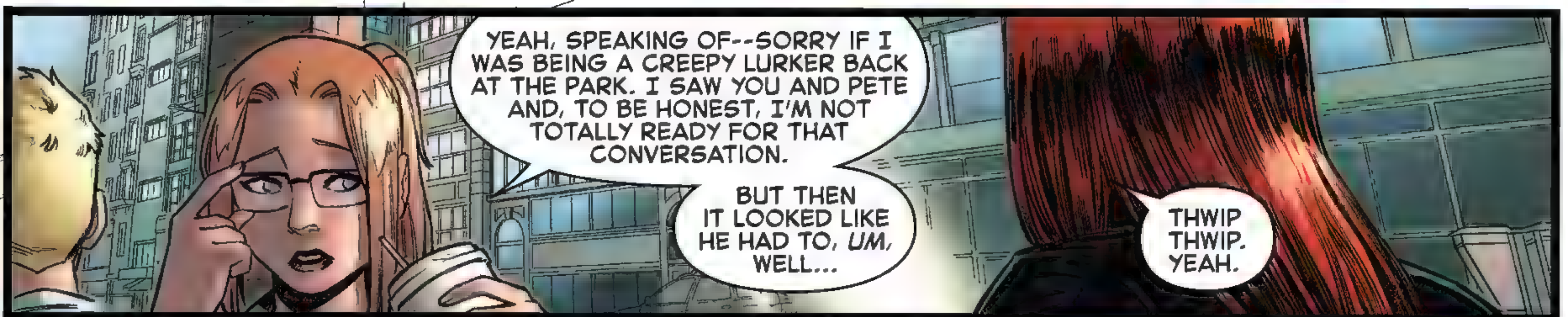
GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, MJ. NICE TO CATCH UP.



NO KIDDING. LAST I'D HEARD YOU WERE IN... MEMPHIS?

NEW ORLEANS. DID SOME LAB WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT DOWN THERE FOR A WHILE, BUT ULTIMATELY--WELL, I GUESS I JUST MISSED NEW YORK. NO MATTER HOW...EVENTFUL IT CAN GET.

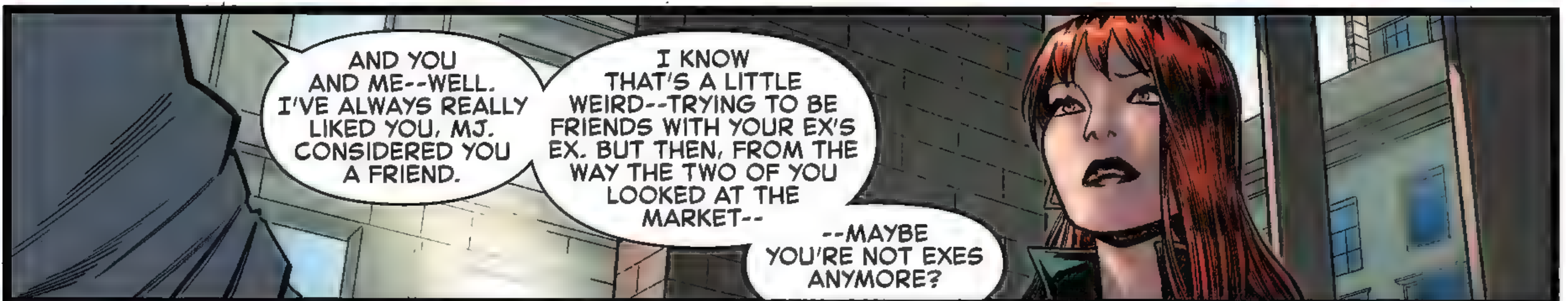
TRUST ME, I UNDERSTAND THE FEELING.



YEAH, SPEAKING OF--SORRY IF I WAS BEING A CREEPY LURKER BACK AT THE PARK. I SAW YOU AND PETE AND, TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT TOTALLY READY FOR THAT CONVERSATION.

BUT THEN IT LOOKED LIKE HE HAD TO, UM, WELL...

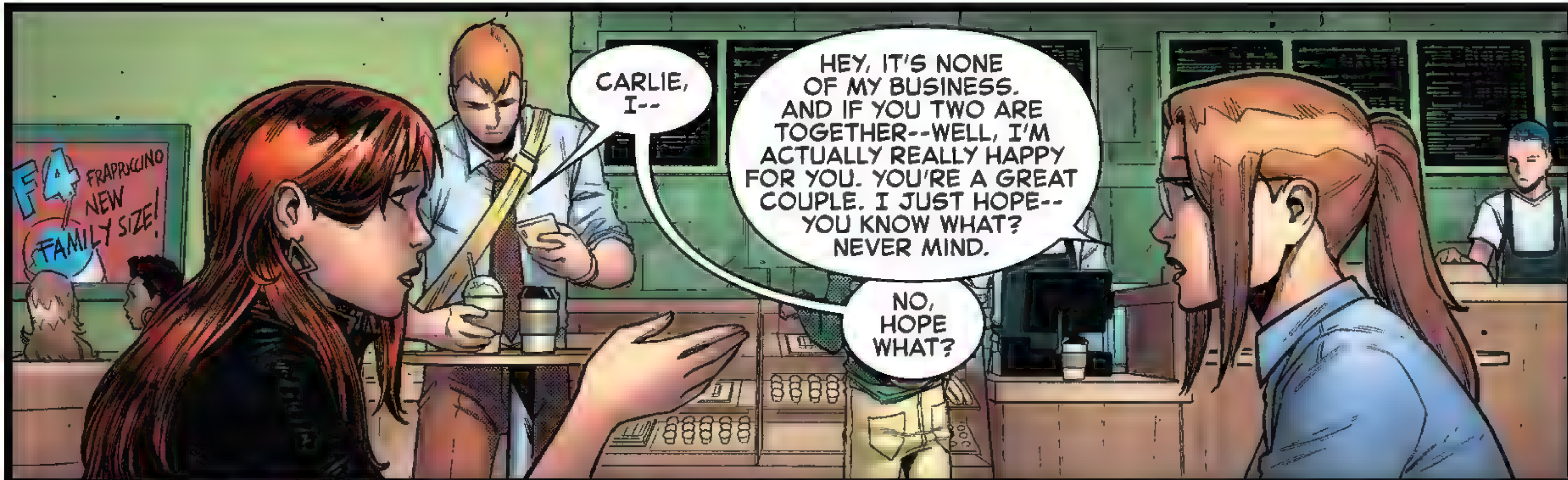
THWIP THWIP. YEAH.



AND YOU AND ME--WELL. I'VE ALWAYS REALLY LIKED YOU, MJ. CONSIDERED YOU A FRIEND.

I KNOW THAT'S A LITTLE WEIRD--TRYING TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOUR EX'S EX. BUT THEN, FROM THE WAY THE TWO OF YOU LOOKED AT THE MARKET--

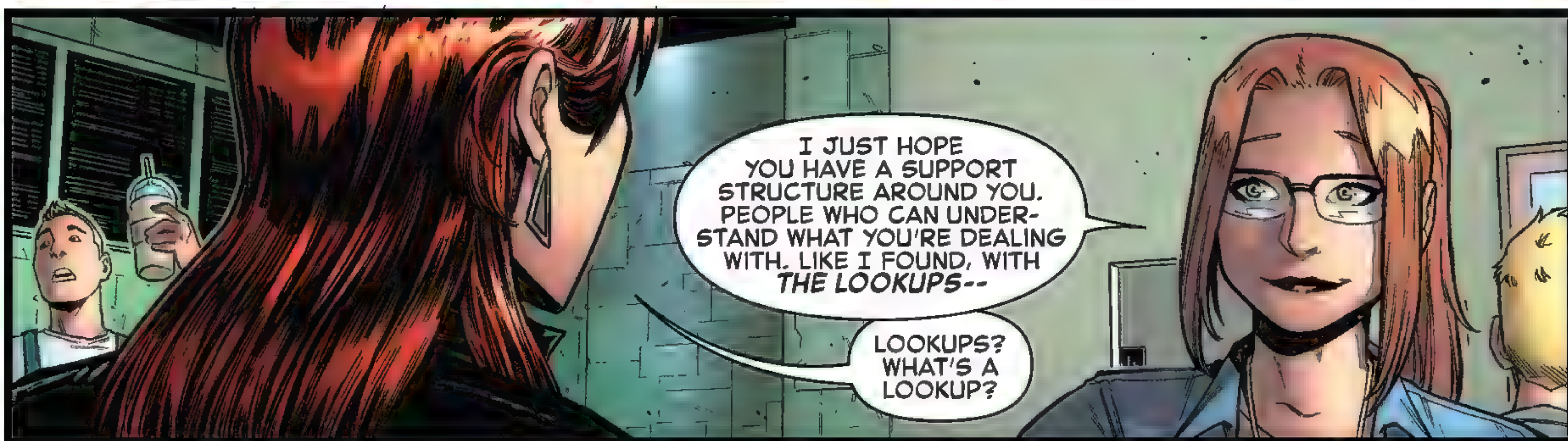
--MAYBE YOU'RE NOT EXES ANYMORE?



CARLIE,
I--

HEY, IT'S NONE
OF MY BUSINESS.
AND IF YOU TWO ARE
TOGETHER--WELL, I'M
ACTUALLY REALLY HAPPY
FOR YOU. YOU'RE A GREAT
COUPLE. I JUST HOPE--
YOU KNOW WHAT?
NEVER MIND.

NO,
HOPE
WHAT?



I JUST HOPE
YOU HAVE A SUPPORT
STRUCTURE AROUND YOU.
PEOPLE WHO CAN UNDER-
STAND WHAT YOU'RE DEALING
WITH. LIKE I FOUND, WITH
THE LOOKUPS--

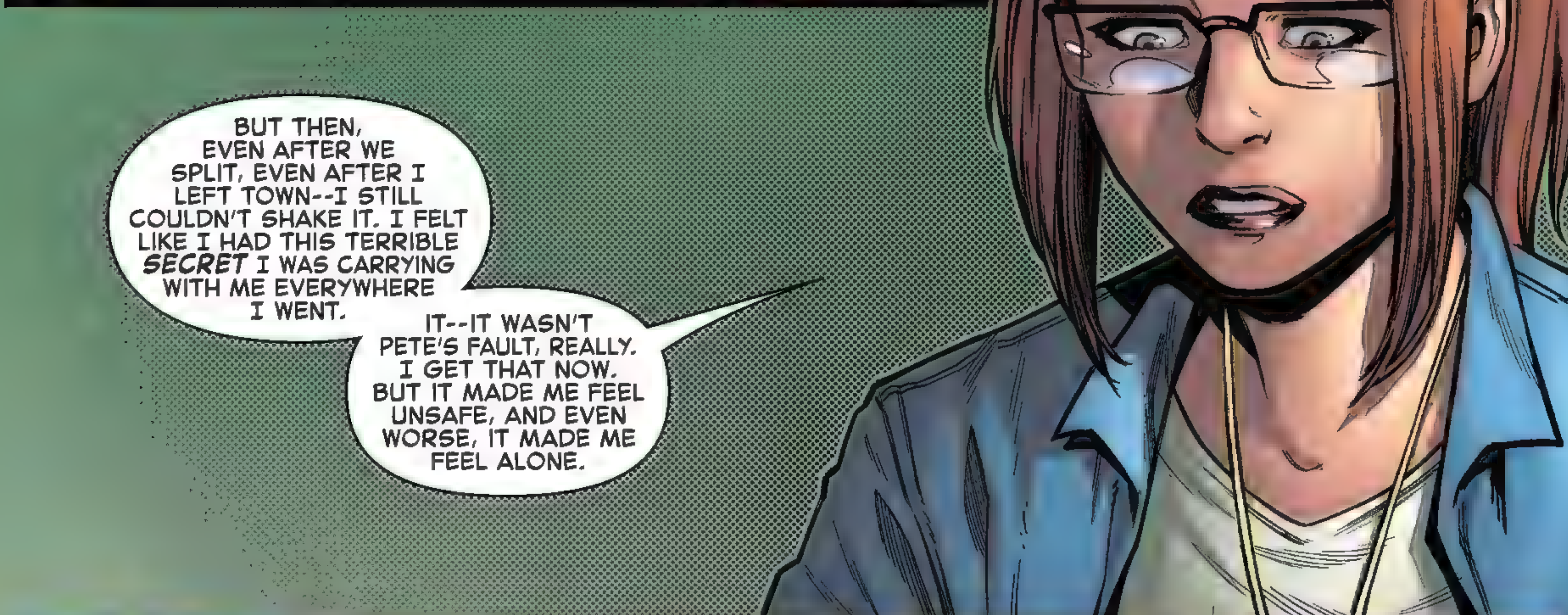
LOOKUPS?
WHAT'S A
LOOKUP?



OKAY, YOU KNOW
PETER AND I BROKE
UP BECAUSE I REALLY
COULDN'T HANDLE
THE WHOLE--

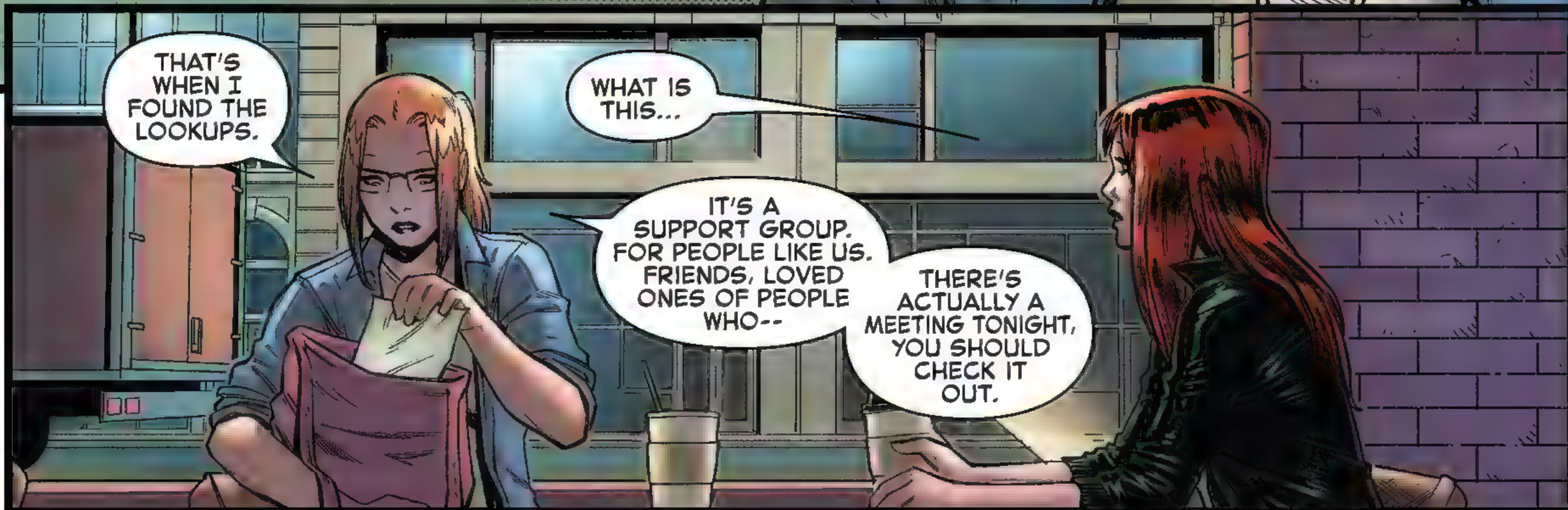
THWIP
THWIP.

YEAH,
THAT.



BUT THEN,
EVEN AFTER WE
SPLIT, EVEN AFTER I
LEFT TOWN--I STILL
COULDN'T SHAKE IT. I FELT
LIKE I HAD THIS TERRIBLE
SECRET I WAS CARRYING
WITH ME EVERYWHERE
I WENT.

IT--IT WASN'T
PETE'S FAULT, REALLY.
I GET THAT NOW.
BUT IT MADE ME FEEL
UNSAFE, AND EVEN
WORSE, IT MADE ME
FEEL ALONE.

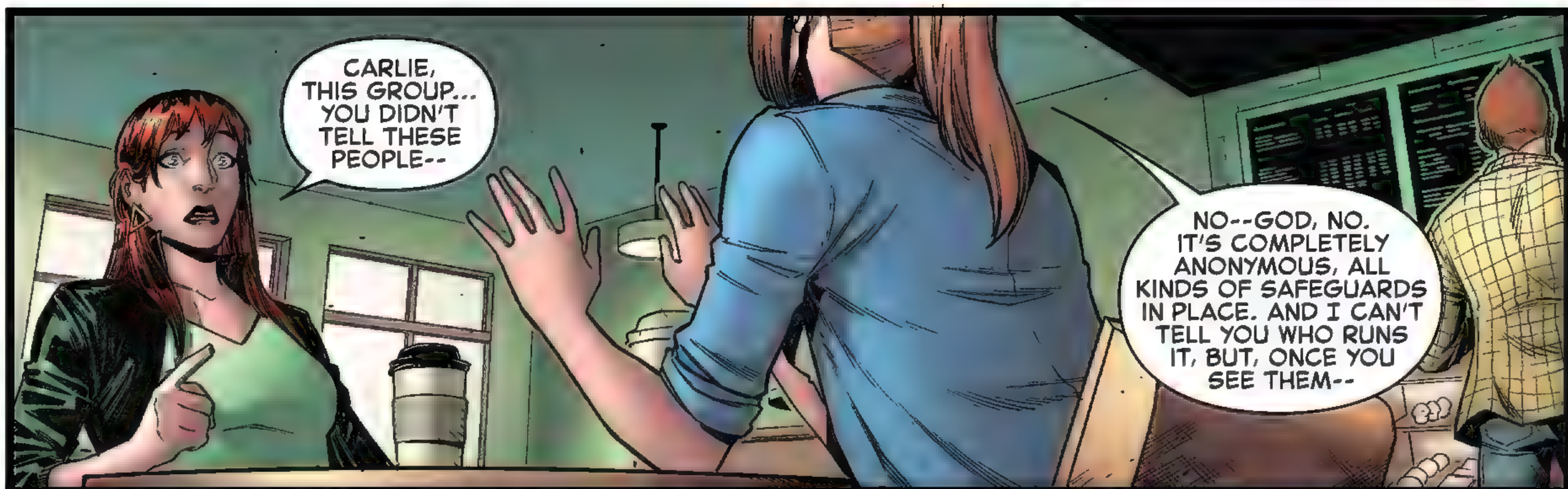


THAT'S
WHEN I
FOUND THE
LOOKUPS.

WHAT IS
THIS...

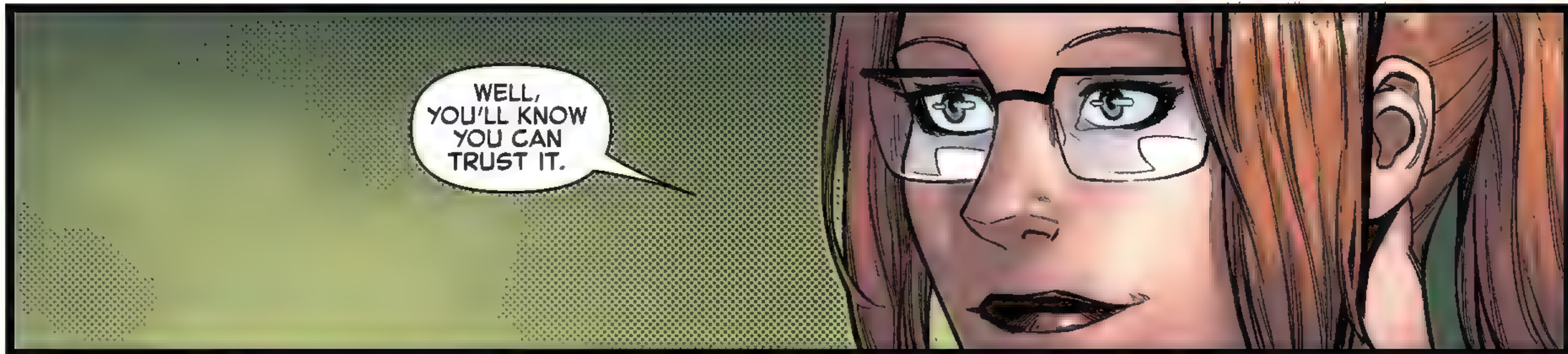
IT'S A
SUPPORT GROUP.
FOR PEOPLE LIKE US.
FRIENDS, LOVED
ONES OF PEOPLE
WHO--

THERE'S
ACTUALLY A
MEETING TONIGHT,
YOU SHOULD
CHECK IT
OUT.

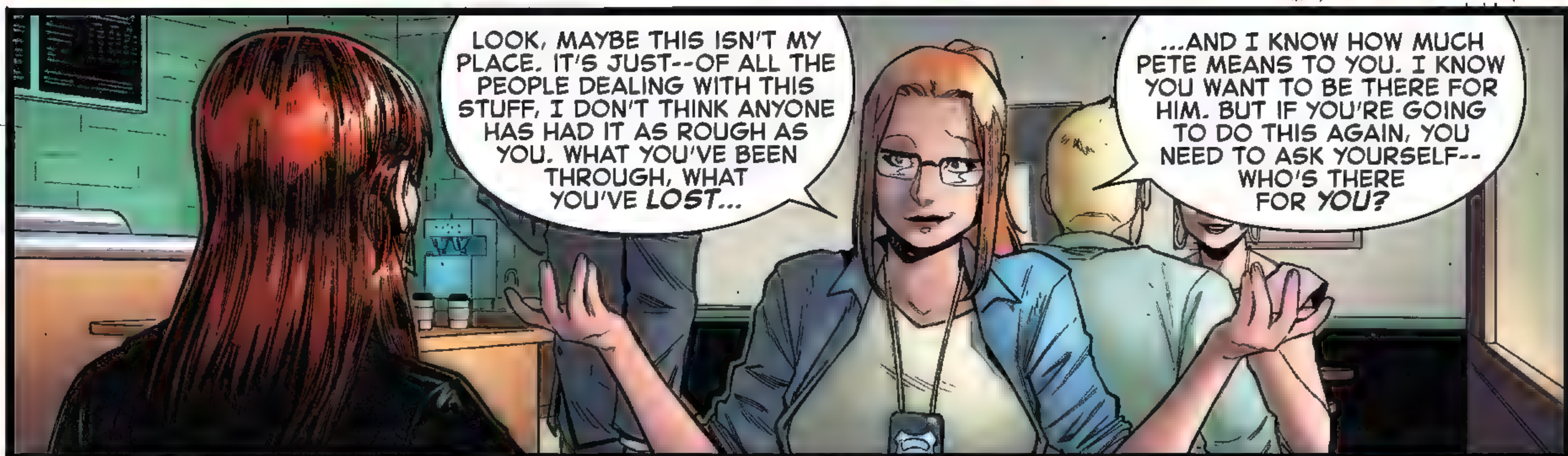


CARLIE,
THIS GROUP...
YOU DIDN'T
TELL THESE
PEOPLE--

NO--GOD, NO.
IT'S COMPLETELY
ANONYMOUS, ALL
KINDS OF SAFEGUARDS
IN PLACE. AND I CAN'T
TELL YOU WHO RUNS
IT, BUT, ONCE YOU
SEE THEM--

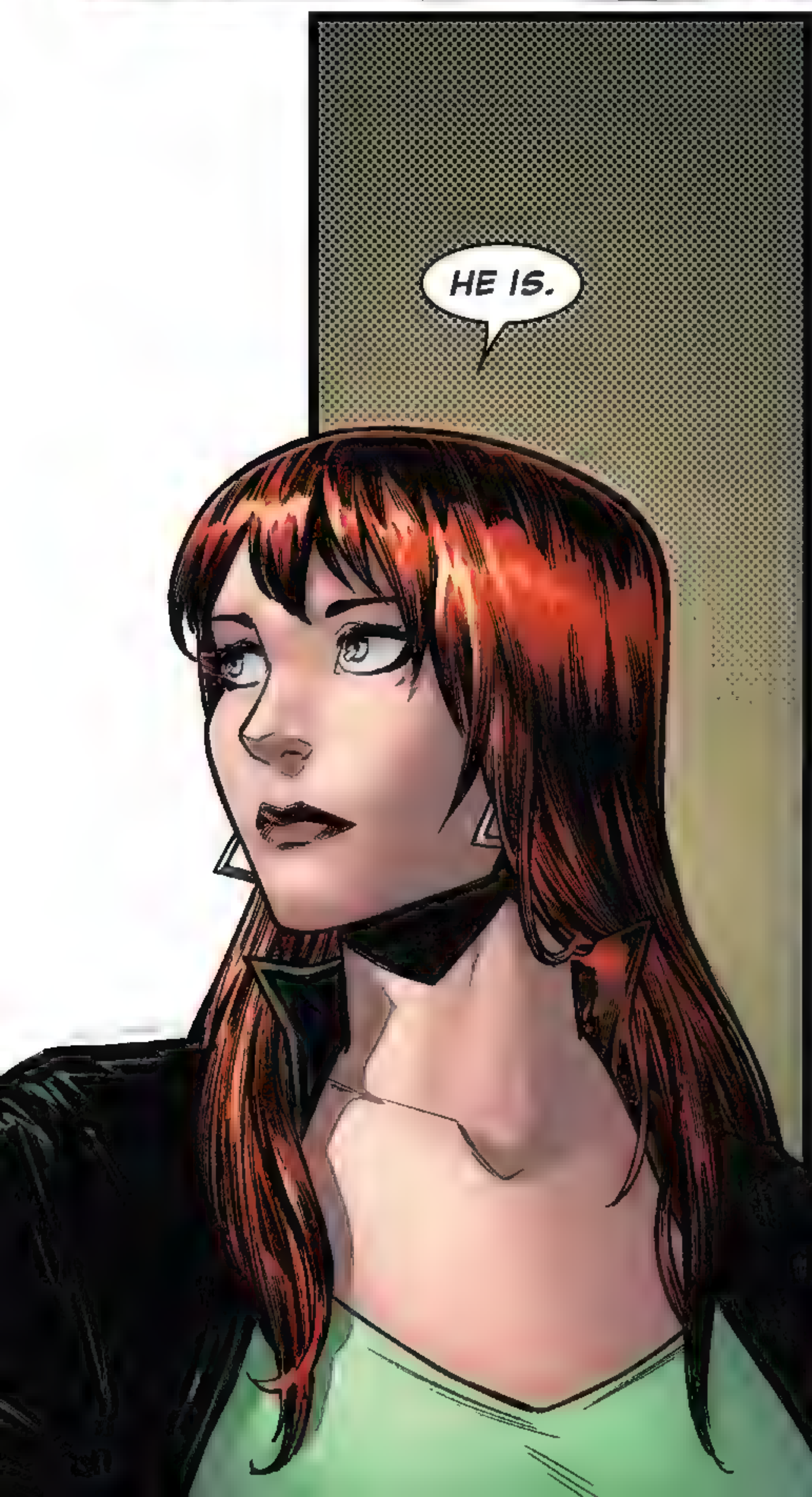


WELL,
YOU'LL KNOW
YOU CAN
TRUST IT.



LOOK, MAYBE THIS ISN'T MY
PLACE. IT'S JUST--OF ALL THE
PEOPLE DEALING WITH THIS
STUFF, I DON'T THINK ANYONE
HAS HAD IT AS ROUGH AS
YOU. WHAT YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH, WHAT
YOU'VE LOST...

...AND I KNOW HOW MUCH
PETE MEANS TO YOU. I KNOW
YOU WANT TO BE THERE FOR
HIM. BUT IF YOU'RE GOING
TO DO THIS AGAIN, YOU
NEED TO ASK YOURSELF--
WHO'S THERE
FOR YOU?

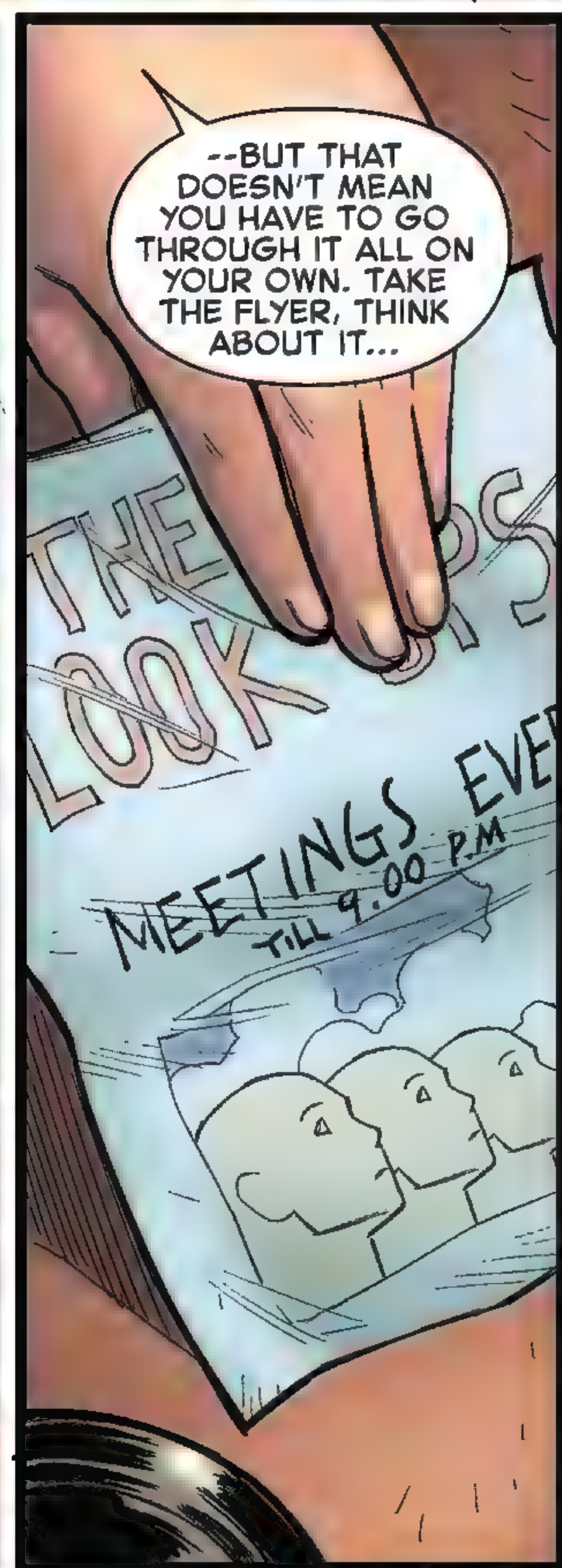


HE IS.

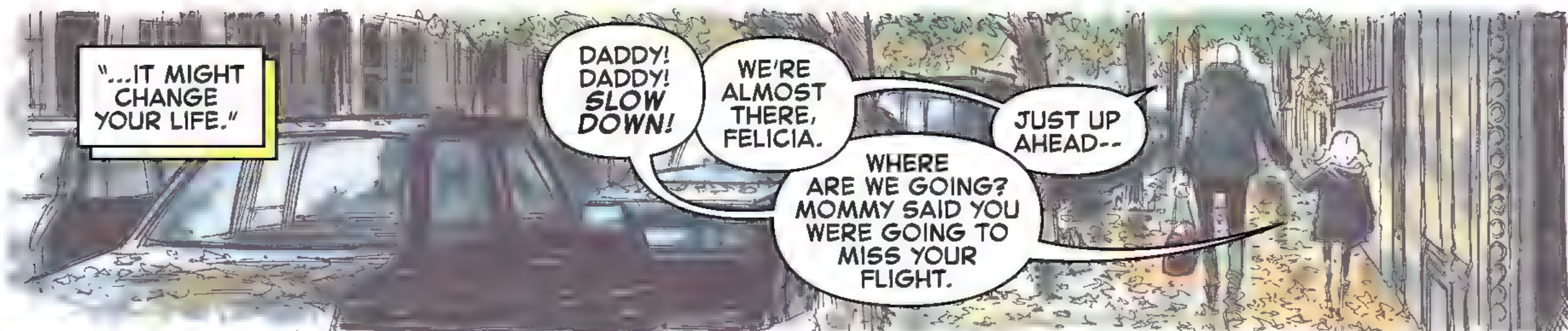


I DON'T DOUBT IT. PETE'S
A GREAT GUY. BUT THERE ARE
SOME THINGS--SOME WAYS HE'LL
NEVER BE ABLE TO RELATE. IT'S
NOT HIS FAULT, IT'S JUST...
HOW THINGS ARE.

AND I'D BET
SOME OF THOSE TIMES, WHEN
YOU'RE FEELING THOSE FEARS,
THOSE WORRIES--YOU DON'T WANT
TO PUT THEM ON HIM BECAUSE HE'S
ALREADY DEALING WITH SO
MUCH. WHICH IS ALSO
UNDERSTANDABLE--



--BUT THAT
DOESN'T MEAN
YOU HAVE TO GO
THROUGH IT ALL ON
YOUR OWN. TAKE
THE FLYER, THINK
ABOUT IT...



"...IT MIGHT
CHANGE
YOUR LIFE."

DADDY!
DADDY!
SLOW
DOWN!

WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE,
FELICIA.

JUST UP
AHEAD--

WHERE
ARE WE GOING?
MOMMY SAID YOU
WERE GOING TO
MISS YOUR
FLIGHT.



--I
NEED TO MAKE
A QUICK STOP
FIRST.

WHAT
IS IT,
DADDY?

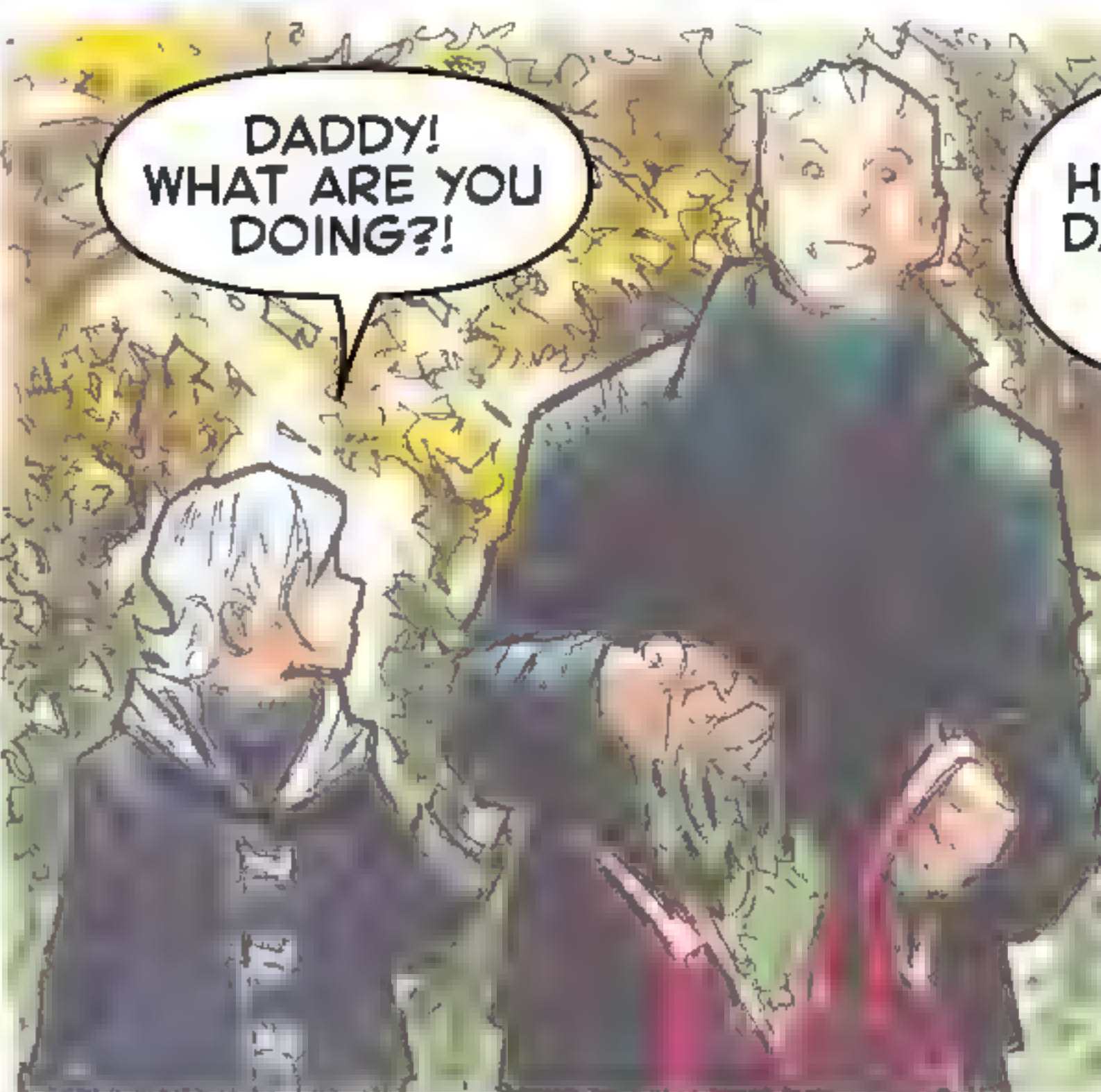


YOUR FATHER
HAS MADE A LOT
OF MISTAKES, LITTLE
CAT. DONE A LOT
OF THINGS HE
REGRETS.

BUT I DIDN'T
ALWAYS HAVE A
CHOICE. I--I
WAS A PART OF
SOMETHING...

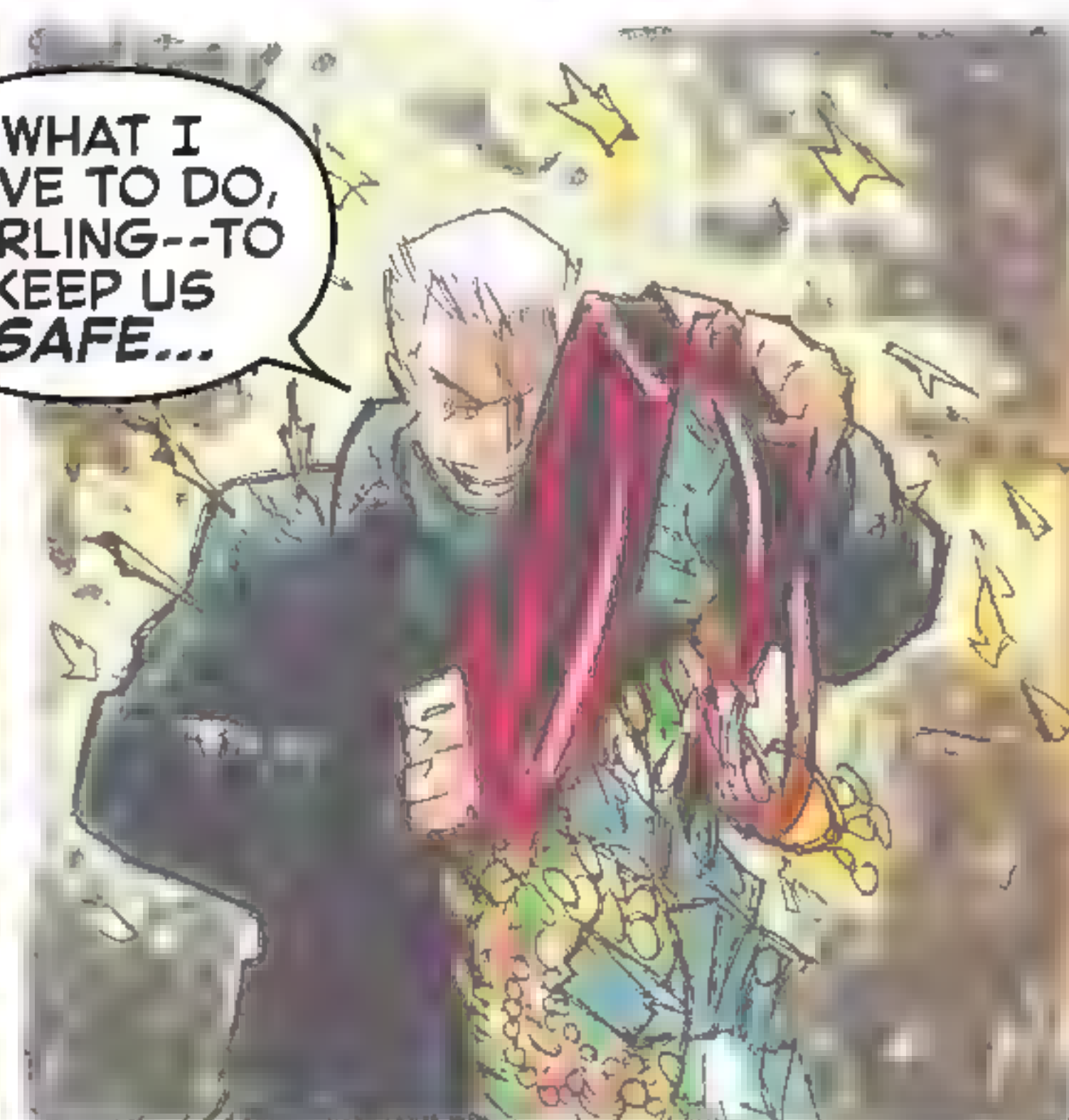


YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
SOMEDAY,
I HOPE.

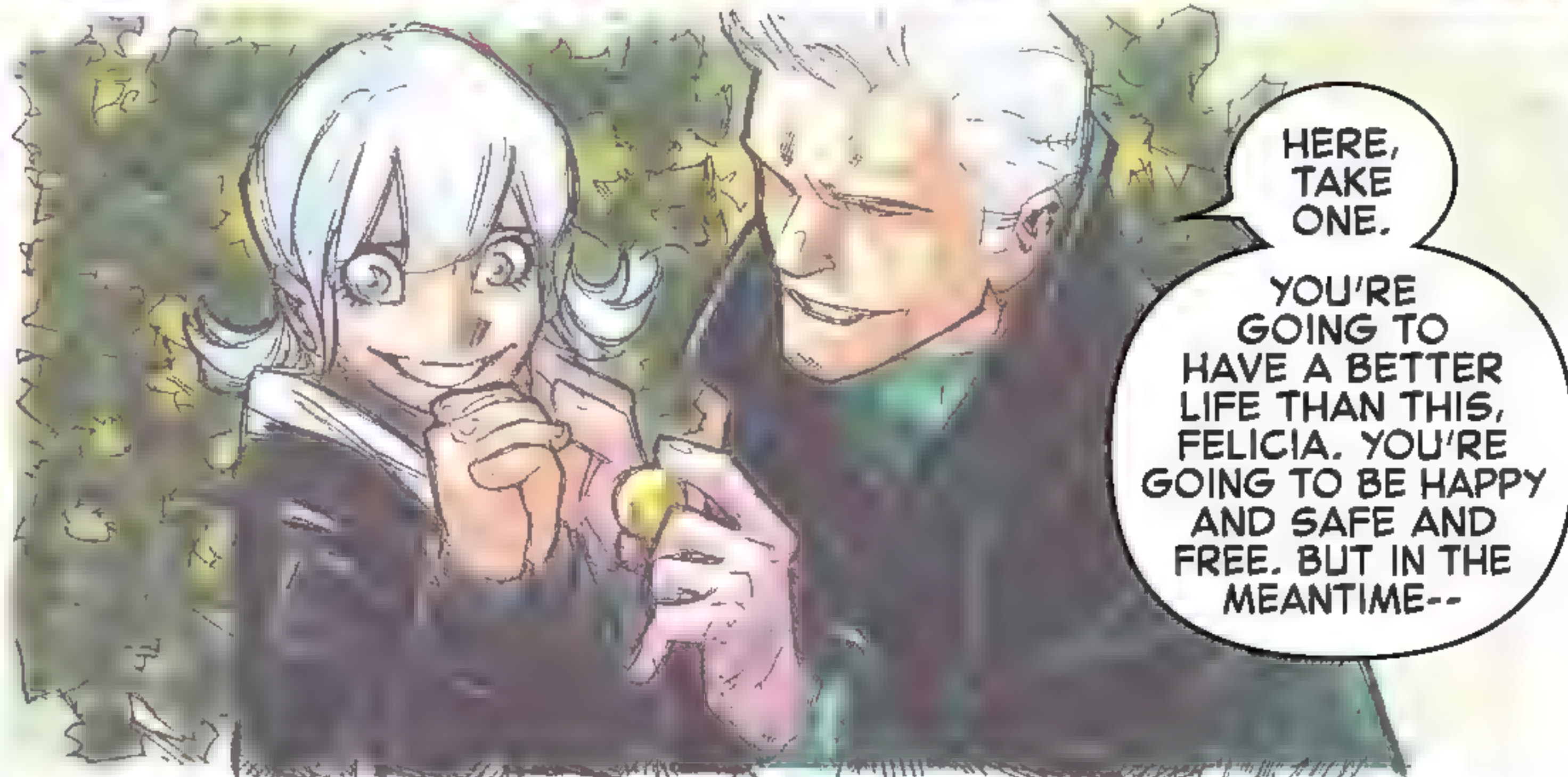


DADDY!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!

WHAT I
HAVE TO DO,
DARLING--TO
KEEP US
SAFE...

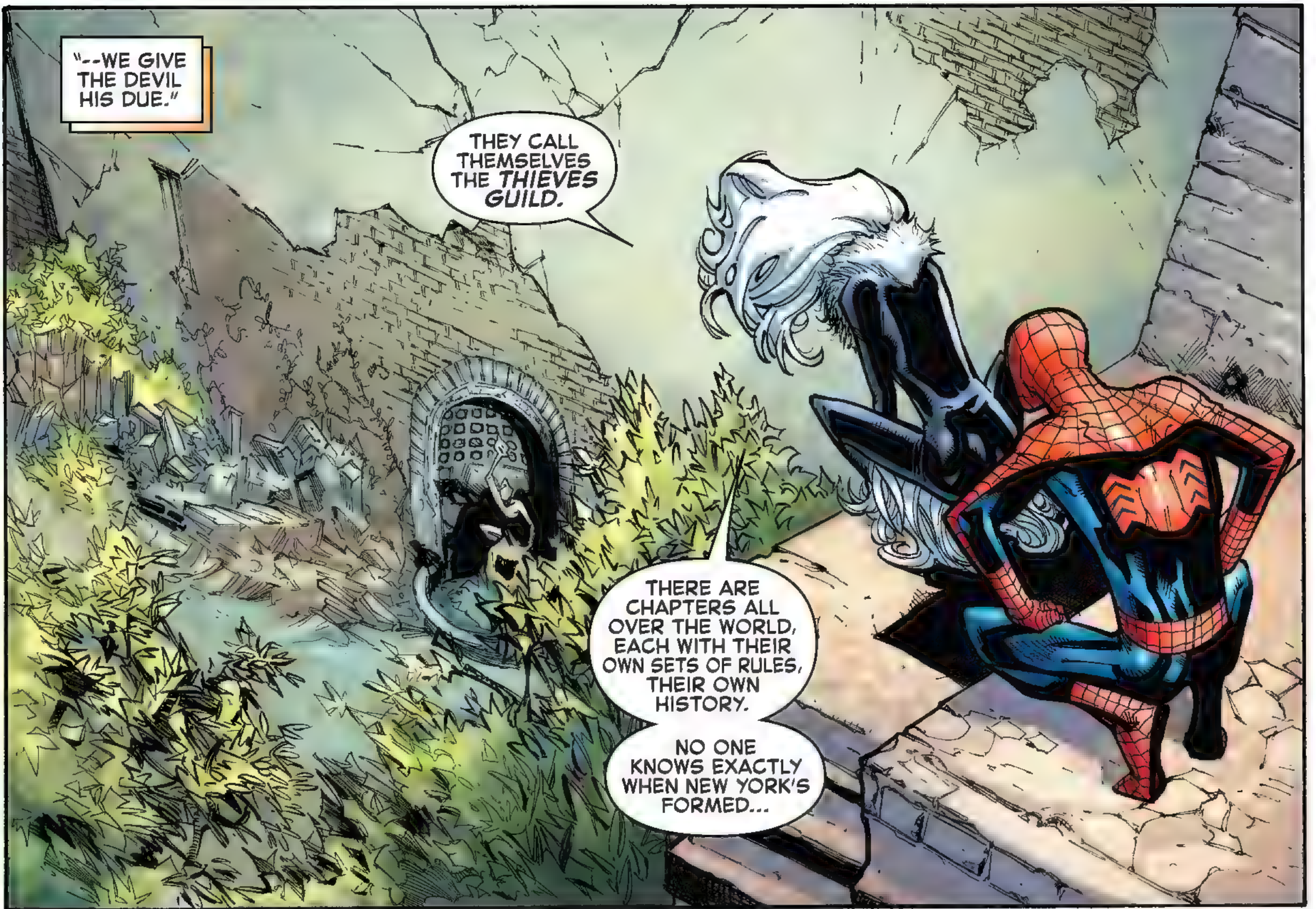


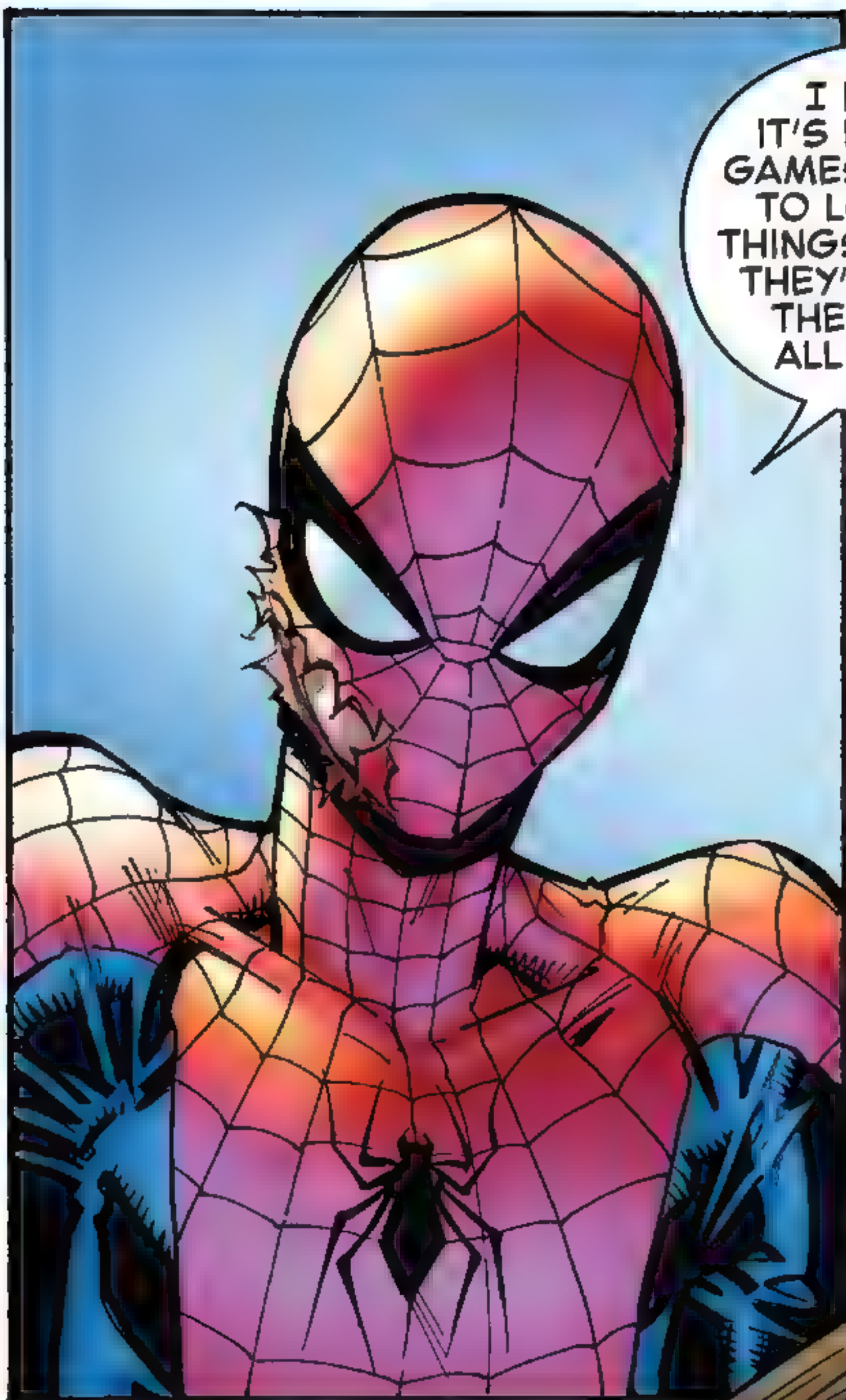
CAN I
THROW
SOME
IN?



HERE,
TAKE
ONE.

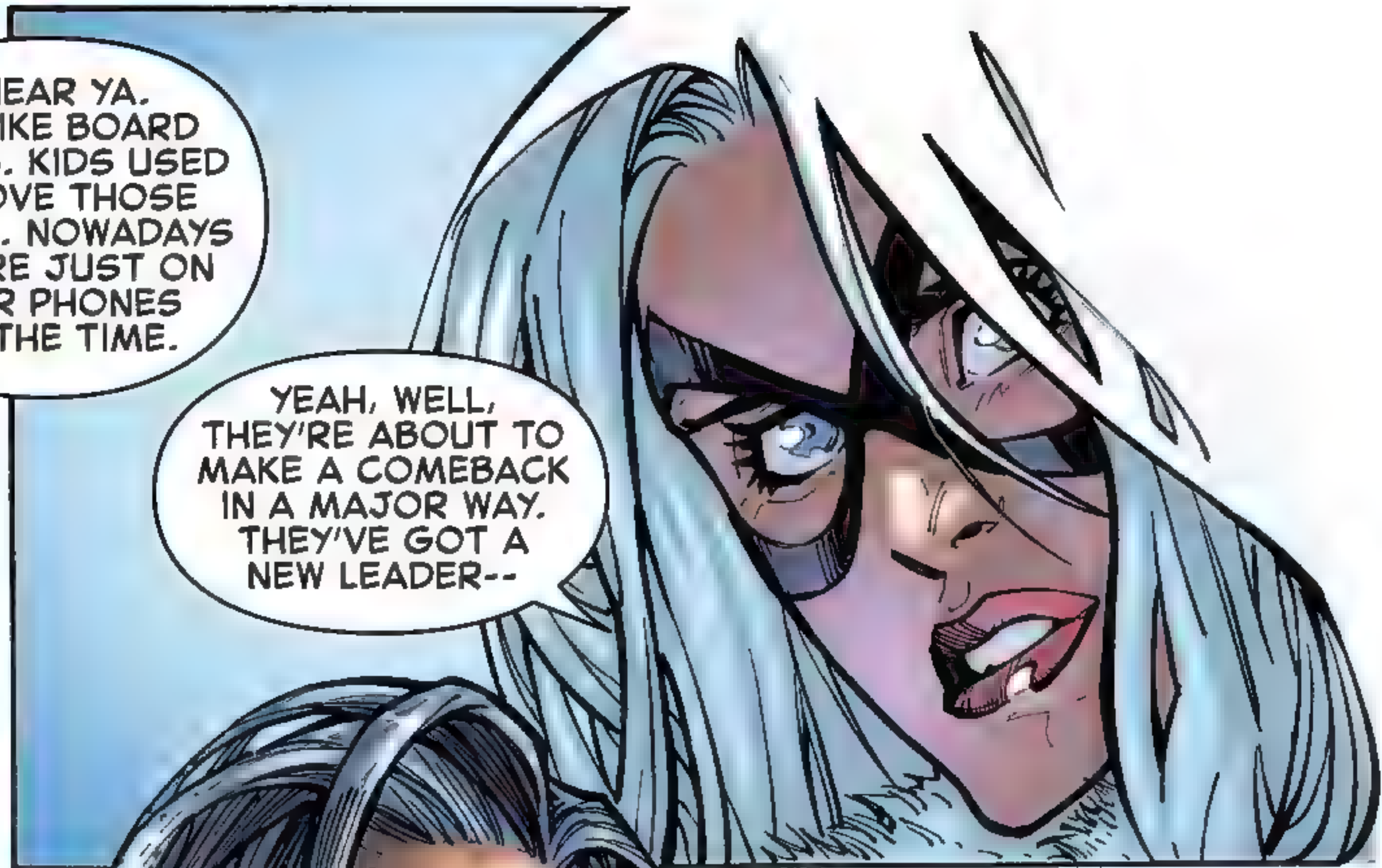
YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE A BETTER
LIFE THAN THIS,
FELICIA. YOU'RE
GOING TO BE HAPPY
AND SAFE AND
FREE. BUT IN THE
MEANTIME--





I HEAR YA.
IT'S LIKE BOARD
GAMES. KIDS USED
TO LOVE THOSE
THINGS. NOWADAYS
THEY'RE JUST ON
THEIR PHONES
ALL THE TIME.

YEAH, WELL,
THEY'RE ABOUT TO
MAKE A COMEBACK
IN A MAJOR WAY.
THEY'VE GOT A
NEW LEADER--



"--HER NAME
IS ODESSA
DRAKE.

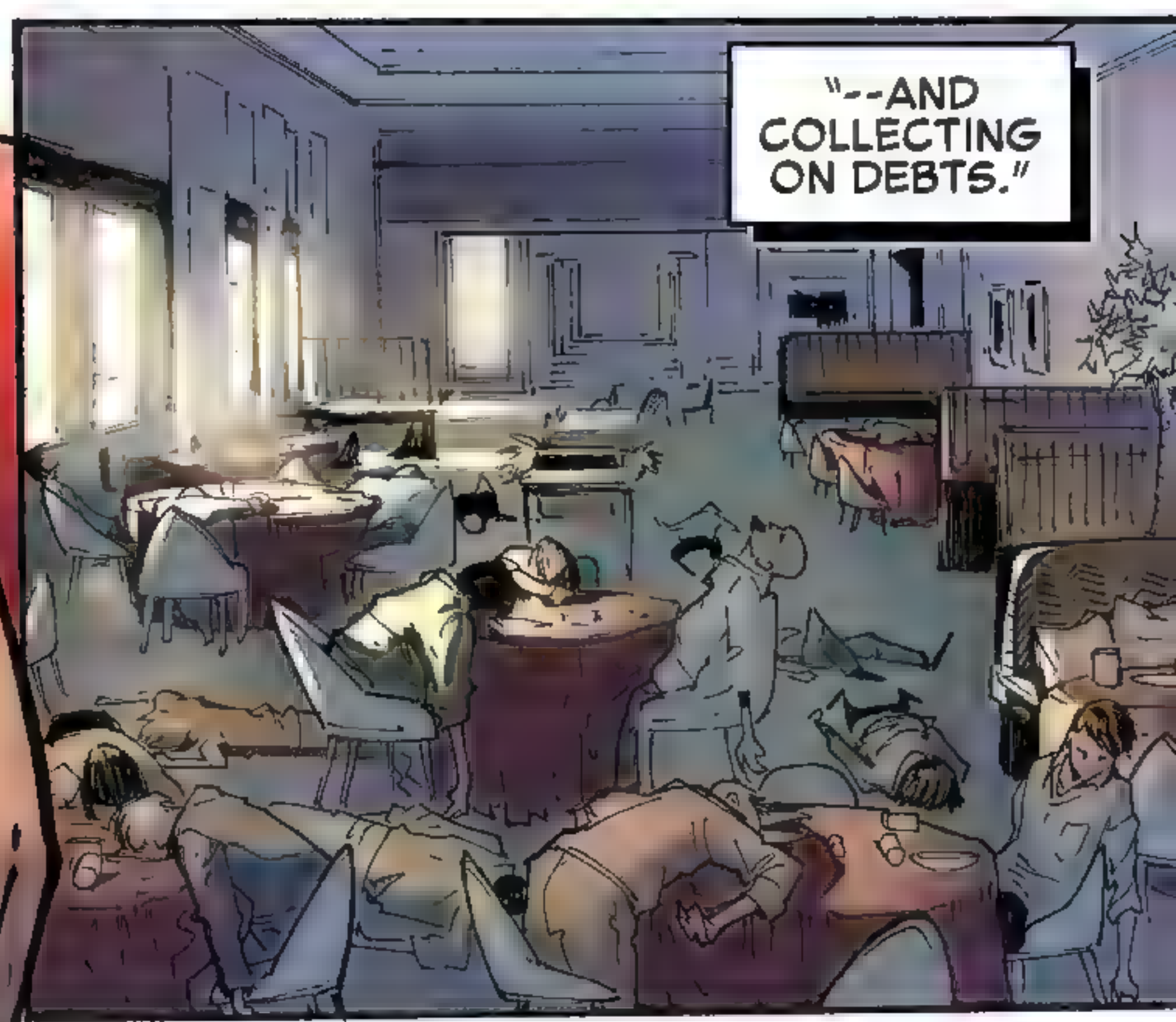
"SHE COMES FROM A
FAMILY OF THIEVES
OLDER THAN THE
CITY ITSELF.

"BUT WHILE SHE
WAS RAISED WITH
THE TRADITIONS
AND LORE OF
THE GUILD--

"--SHE'S GOT SOME
VERY...AMBITIOUS
IDEAS FOR HOW TO
BRING IT INTO THE
MODERN AGE.



"LEFT AND RIGHT,
THEY'VE BEEN TAKING
CARE OF ENEMIES--



"--AND
COLLECTING
ON DEBTS."



BUT NOW--
NOW SHE'S GONE
TOO FAR.

SHE WANTS
TO SEND A
MESSAGE TO THE
WORLD, PULL OFF
A HEIST SO BIG
EVERYONE HAS
TO TAKE
NOTE...



LIKE
STEALING
ALL OUR
STUFF.

YEAH. LIKE
STEALING ALL YOUR
STUFF. AND NOBODY
KNOWS HOW TO MAKE
A TAKE DISAPPEAR
FASTER THAN THE
GUILD. LUCKY
FOR YOU--



--YOU'VE
GOT
SOMEONE
ON THE
INSIDE.

WAIT, SO
YOU'RE--



A MEMBER IN GOOD
STANDING. ONE WHO CAN
TELL YOU WHICH OF THE
HUNDREDS OF SAFE HOUSES
THE GUILD OWNS HAS
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS'
EQUIPMENT BEFORE
IT'S VANISHED.

SO WHAT
DO YOU SAY,
SPIDER?



WANNA
HELP ME PULL
OFF THE HEIST
OF THE HEIST
OF THE
CENTURY?

YEAH, LIKE I
SAID BEFORE--
TERRIBLE IDEA.

TERRIBLE,
TERRIBLE,
TERRIBLE.
BUT THEN--



--WE ALL GOTTA
TAKE CHANCES
SOMETIMES.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH.

?SIGH?
MJ, YOU
GOTTA BE
LOSING
IT.

HELLO? IS
ANYBODY--

WARNING! WARNING!
UNEXPECTED ENTRANT
REGISTERED.

THREAT ASSESSMENT
NEGATIVE. INITIATING
IDENTITY
OBSCURATION--

AAAHH!

NO NEED
TO BE ALARMED,
MISS! I ASSURE
YOU--





WELCOME
TO THE
LOOKUPS.

THE NAME
CAME FROM JANET
VAN DYNE. I HAD
SUGGESTED "FRIENDS AND
LOVED ONES OF SUPER-
POWERED INDIVIDUALS
ANONYMOUS."

YEAH,
GOOD CALL
LISTENING TO
HER THERE.

SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD IMPLY
A CASUAL, COMMITMENT-FREE
ORGANIZATION, FOR THOSE WHO
SPEND THEIR DAYS LOOKING UP
AT THE SKY, HOPING TO SEE
THE PEOPLE THEY CHERISH
MOST UP THERE.

I
KNOW THE
FEELING.

AND SHE
WASN'T THE
ONLY ONE TO
CONTRIBUTE TO
THE CAUSE--

"--YOUR FORMER EMPLOYER, TONY
STARK, DONATED THESE A.I. DRONES
THAT PROJECT FACE-OBSCURING
TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT
YOUR ANONYMITY--ALREADY
YOU CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED BY
OTHERS IN THE ROOM."

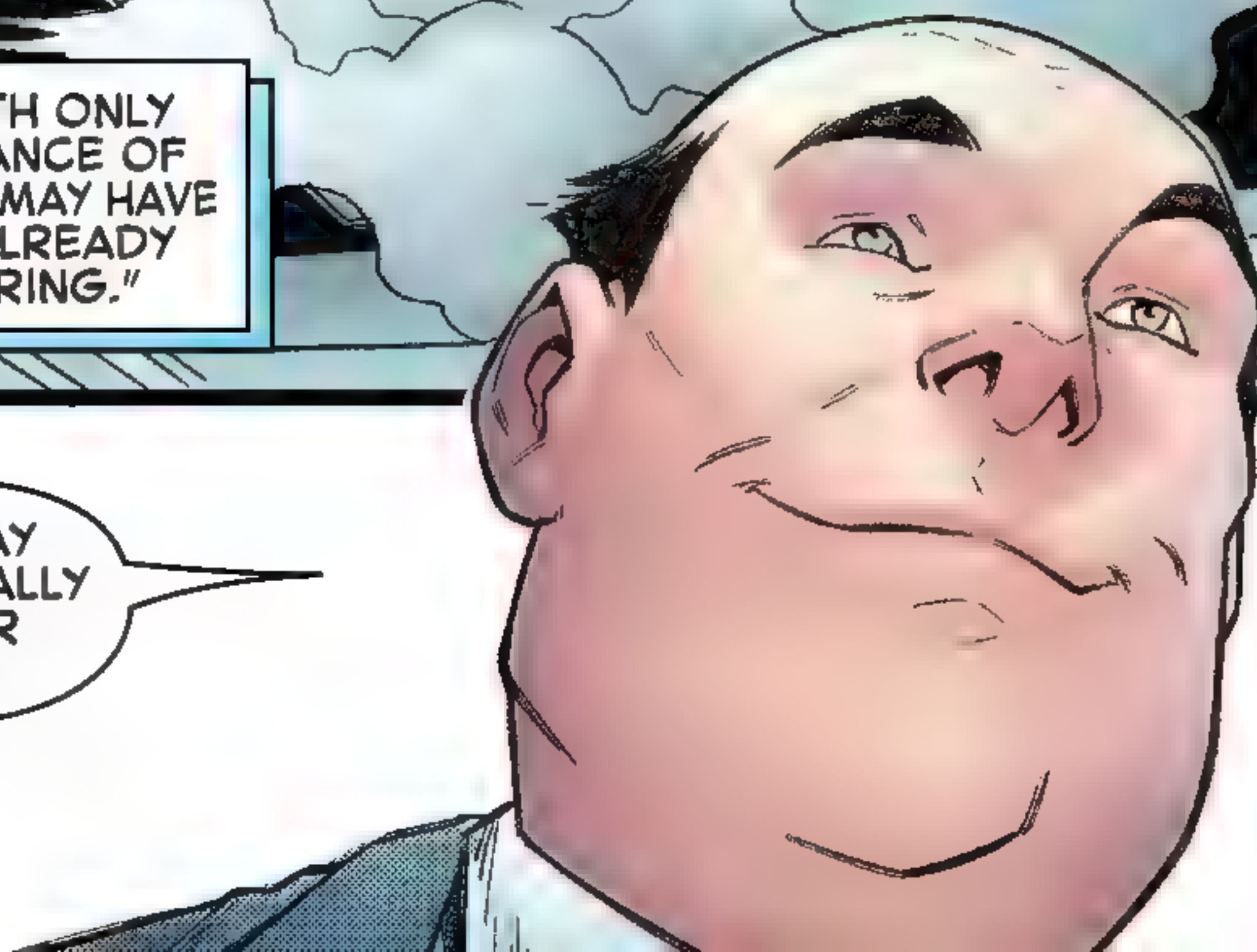


"AND STEPHEN STRANGE
DONATED A SPECIAL POTION
RELEASED IN GASEOUS FORM
THAT CLOUDS CERTAIN
KINDS OF MEMORY--

"--LEAVING ONE WITH ONLY
A VAGUE REMEMBRANCE OF
SPECIFIC DETAILS YOU MAY HAVE
HEARD, WHICH WE ALREADY
DISCOURAGE SHARING."

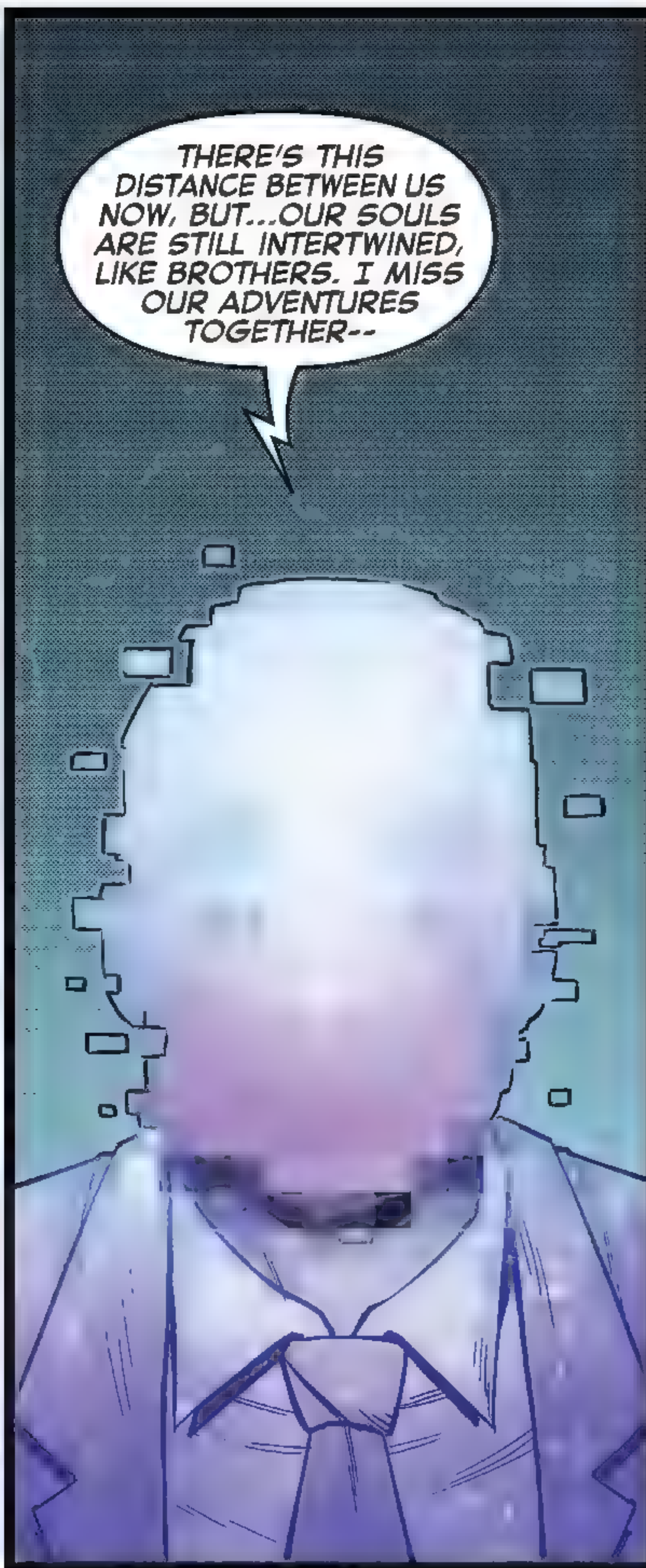
IT ALL MEANS
PEOPLE CAN COME HERE
FREELY, WITHOUT FEAR OF
EXPOSING THEIR LOVED
ONES' SECRETS. THEY CAN
FOCUS ON THEMSELVES
FOR A CHANGE--

--AND SAY
WHAT'S REALLY
ON THEIR
MINDS.





I MEAN, HE'S MY FRIEND. SOMETIMES I SEE THE INJURIES, THE WOUNDS, AND I JUST FEEL... HELPLESS.



THERE'S THIS DISTANCE BETWEEN US NOW, BUT...OUR SOULS ARE STILL INTERTWINED, LIKE BROTHERS. I MISS OUR ADVENTURES TOGETHER--



SHE'S MY DAUGHTER, OF COURSE I WANT TO PROTECT HER. BUT EVEN MORE THAN THAT-- I JUST WORRY THIS MEANS I'LL NEVER REALLY BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND LIKE HER FATHER CAN--



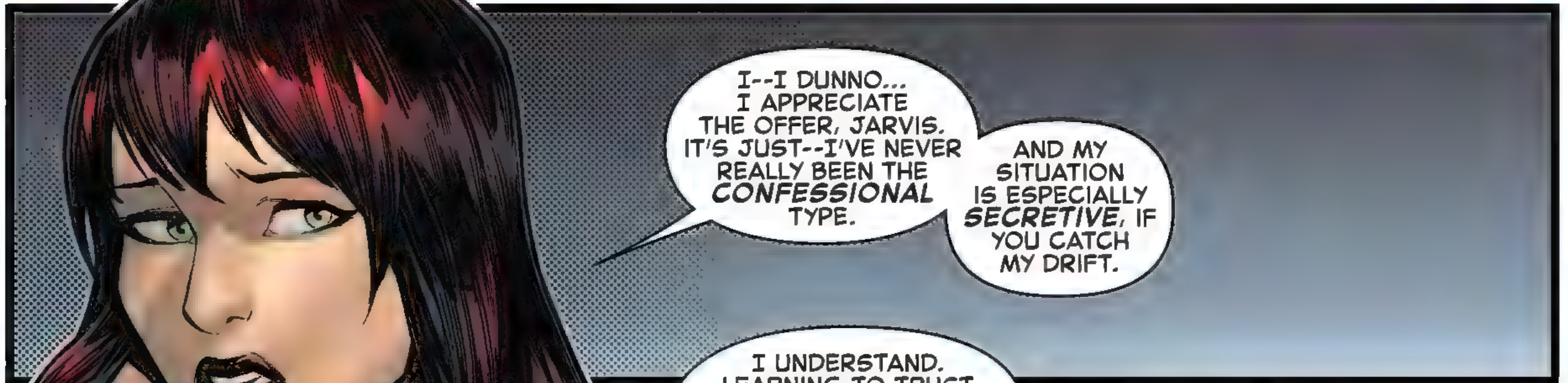
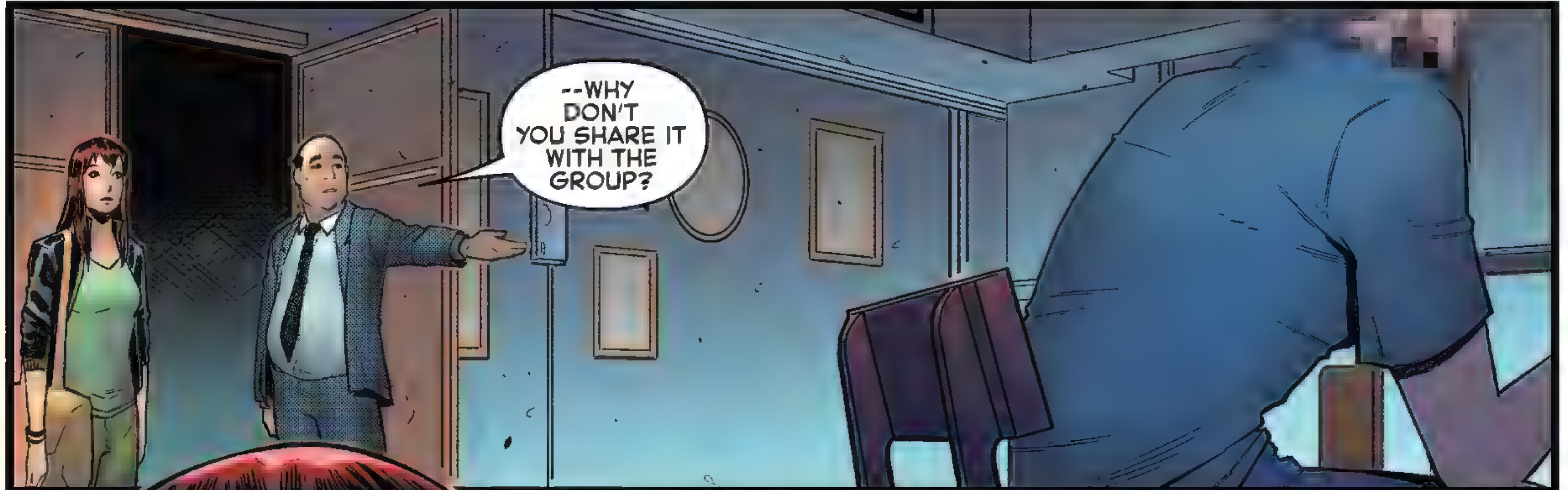
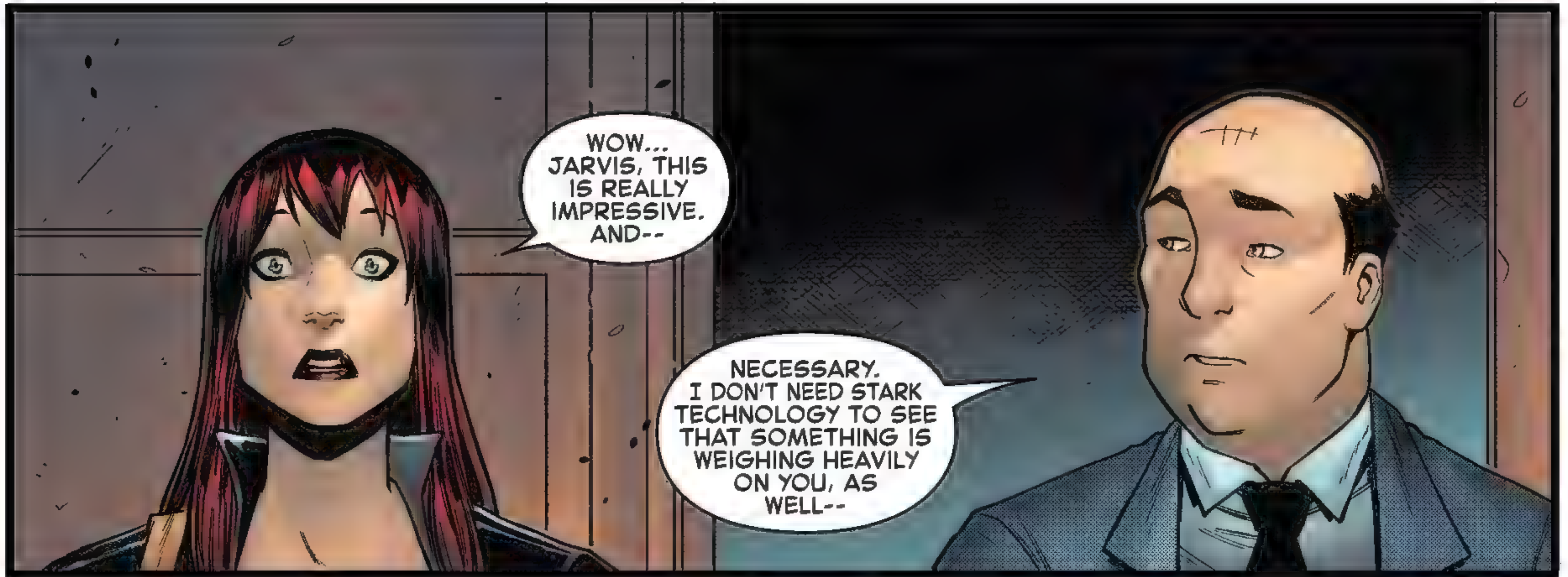
OF COURSE I GET JEALOUS SOMETIMES! I MEAN, THE GUY CAN CLIMB WALLS!



THESE DAYS IT'S STRICTLY BUSINESS. I SUPPOSE THAT'S FOR THE BEST.



I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I GET SO EMOTIONAL ABOUT THIS. I JUST DELIVER THEIR MAIL...



"...THEY'RE OTHERWISE OCCUPIED."

WAY UPTOWN.

WHICH I'M HAPPY TO DO. THIS IS THE BLACK CAT'S WORLD, NOT MINE.

FOLLOW MY LEAD.

THING IS, THOUGH, FELICIA AND I ALWAYS WERE A GOOD TEAM.

WE KNEW HOW TO WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS.

SHE HAS HER STRENGTHS...

LIKE I SAID. BACKUP.

SURE.

...AND I HAVE MINE. YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING THEN, HOW IT DID NOT WORK OUT? WELL--



--THERE WAS ALWAYS ONE LITTLE PROBLEM.

WHOA!

LOOK AT THIS PLACE--I FEEL LIKE A KID IN A CANDY STORE.

IF CANDY STORES WERE FULL OF ULTIMATE NULLIFIERS AND DEMON-POSSESSED SWORDS, I GUESS. WHICH, I GET IT, CANDY IS BAD FOR YOU, BUT--

OOH, LOOK--



--MY WEB-SHOOTERS! WHEW. GOTTA BE HONEST, WAS FEELING A LITTLE NAKED WITHOUT THESE.

WHICH I DON'T MEAN IN A FLIRTY WAY.



NOW WE JUST GOTTA FIGURE OUT SOME EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR GIVING EVERYBODY BACK ALL THEIR STUFF. MAYBE SOME KIND OF ONLINE REGISTRY?

HALF.

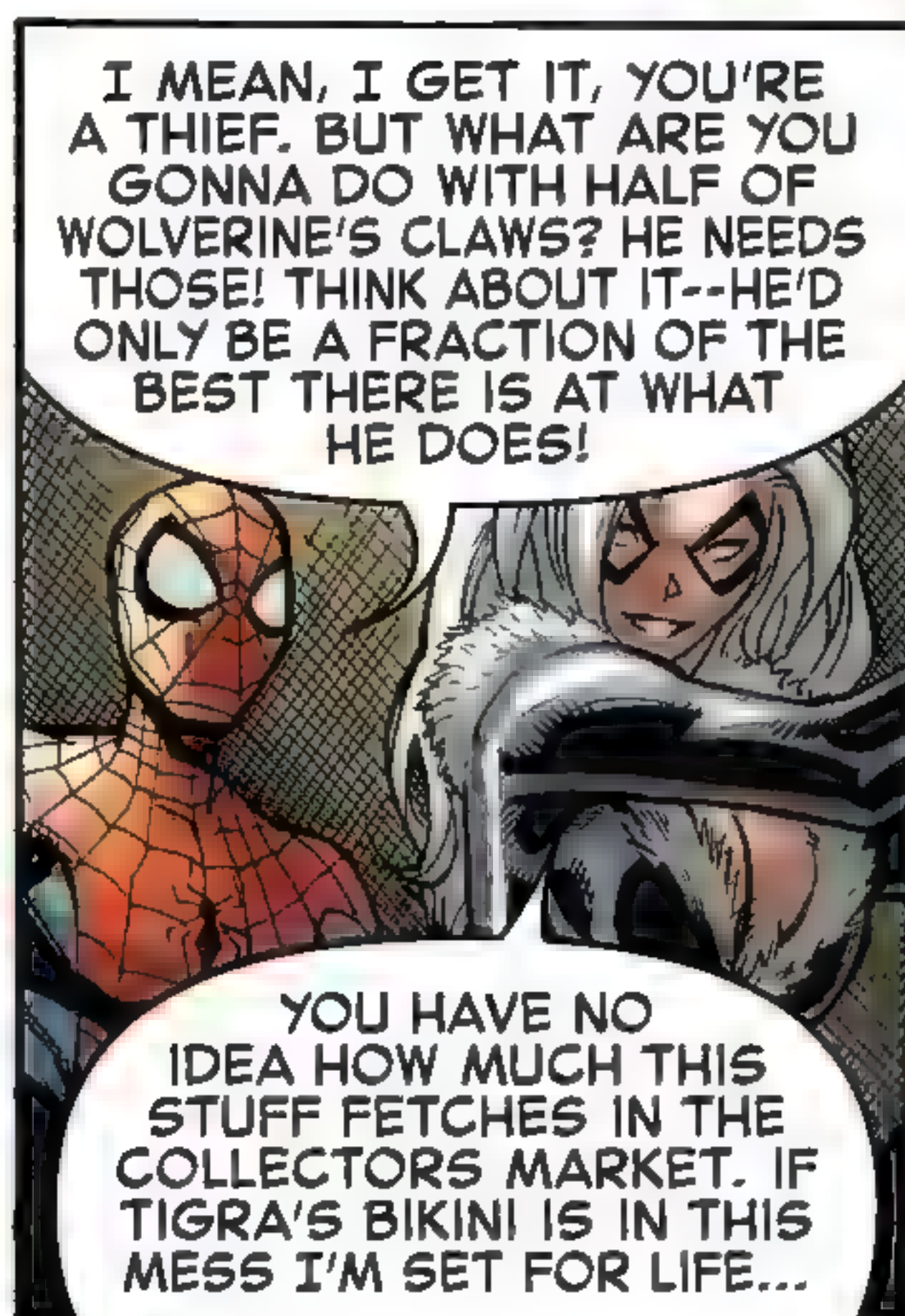
SORRY?



YOU SAID "ALL THEIR STUFF." AND HEY, IF YOU'RE FEELING THAT CHARITABLE ABOUT YOUR CUT, BY ALL MEANS--

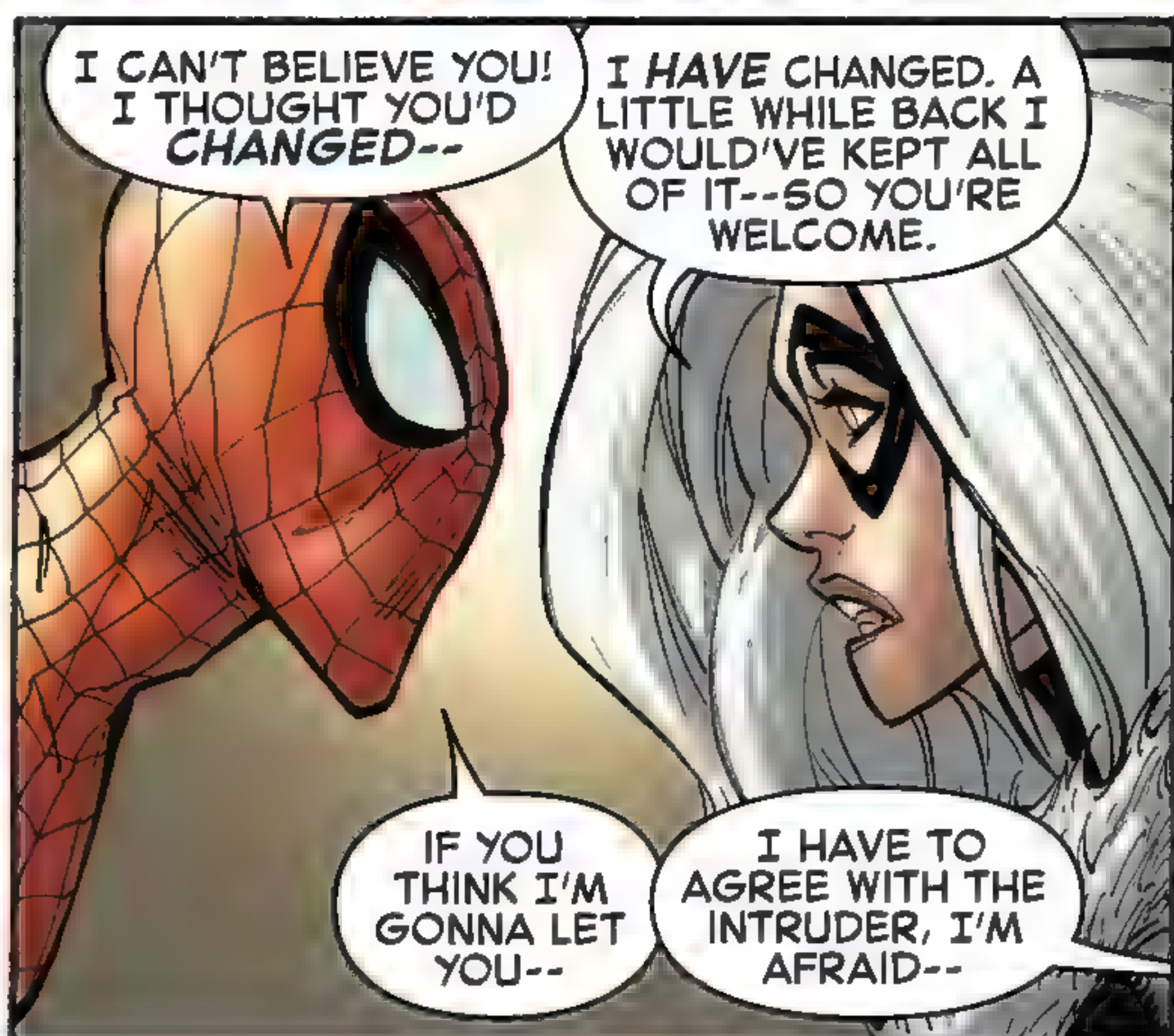
--BUT HALF OF THIS JOB IS MINE.

WHA-- WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT? IS THIS A JOKE?



I MEAN, I GET IT, YOU'RE A THIEF. BUT WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH HALF OF WOLVERINE'S CLAWS? HE NEEDS THOSE! THINK ABOUT IT--HE'D ONLY BE A FRACTION OF THE BEST THERE IS AT WHAT HE DOES!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH THIS STUFF FETCHES IN THE COLLECTORS MARKET. IF TIGRA'S BIKINI IS IN THIS MESS I'M SET FOR LIFE...



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU! I THOUGHT YOU'D CHANGED--

I HAVE CHANGED. A LITTLE WHILE BACK I WOULD'VE KEPT ALL OF IT--SO YOU'RE WELCOME.

IF YOU THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU--

I HAVE TO AGREE WITH THE INTRUDER, I'M AFRAID--



--BUT THEN,
I'M SURPRISED
YOU THOUGHT
I'D LET
YOU.

HELLO,
FELICIA.

WELCOME
HOME.

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AND HE'S ALWAYS LEAVING HIS COSTUME ON THE FLOOR. AND I'M LIKE, I JUST CLEANED IN HERE, PICK THAT UP! BUT THEN I THINK, THIS GUY JUST SPENT ALL DAY FIGHTING KANG--

A FEELING I'M INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH MYSELF--

BUT WE SHOULD NEVER BE AFRAID TO ASK OUR SUPERS TO HONOR THEIR NORMAL, EVERYDAY RESPONSIBILITIES. IT'S ONE OF THE WAYS WE SHOW THEM THAT NO MATTER WHAT THEY CAN DO, THEY ARE STILL HUMAN.

OR KREE, I SUPPOSE.

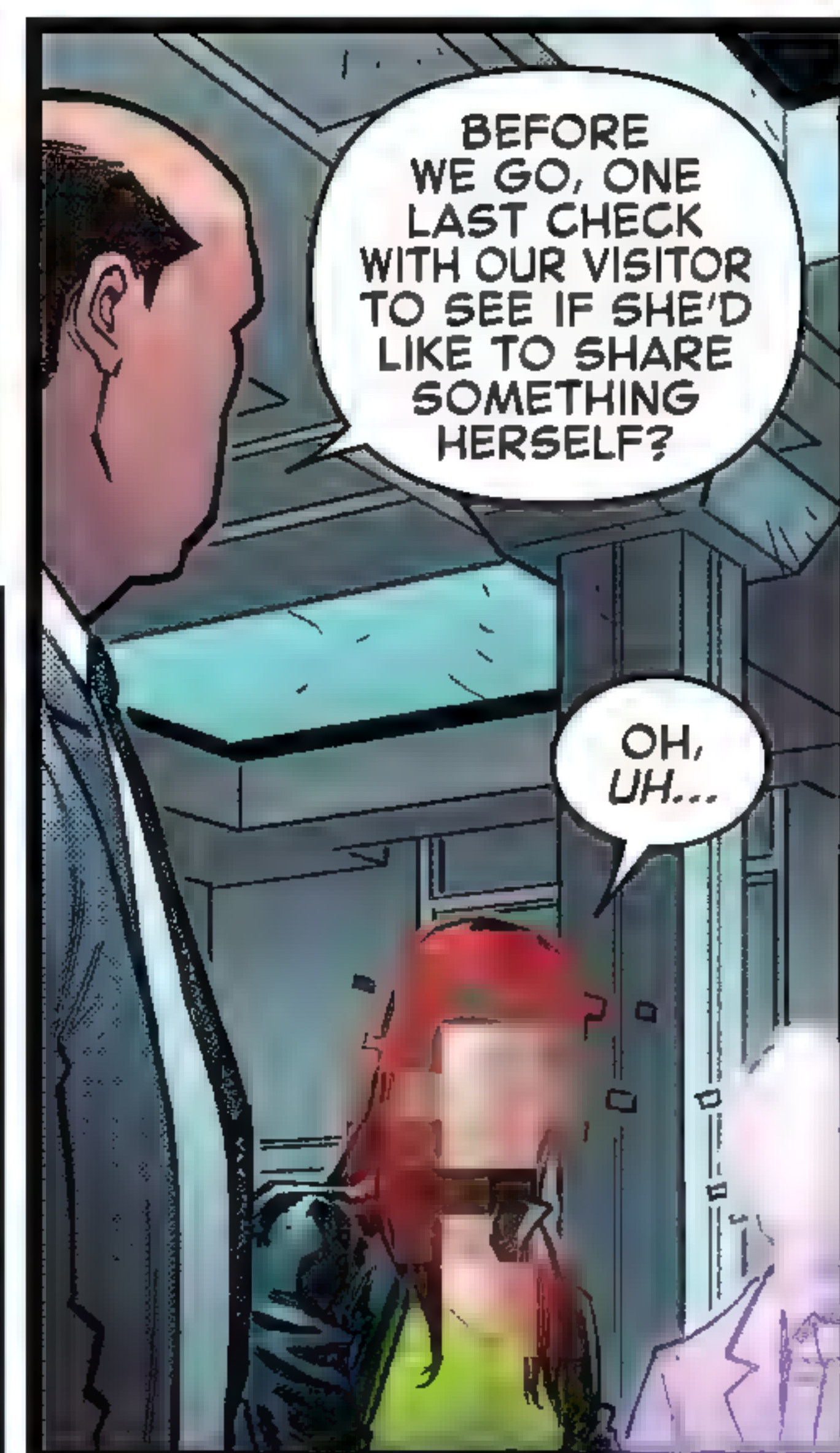


AND WITH THAT--

I'D LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE SHARED THIS EVENING. I KNOW IT ISN'T EASY. I KNOW YOU MIGHT OFTEN FEEL LIKE YOUR PROBLEMS PALE IN COMPARISON TO THOSE YOU SHARE YOUR LIVES WITH--

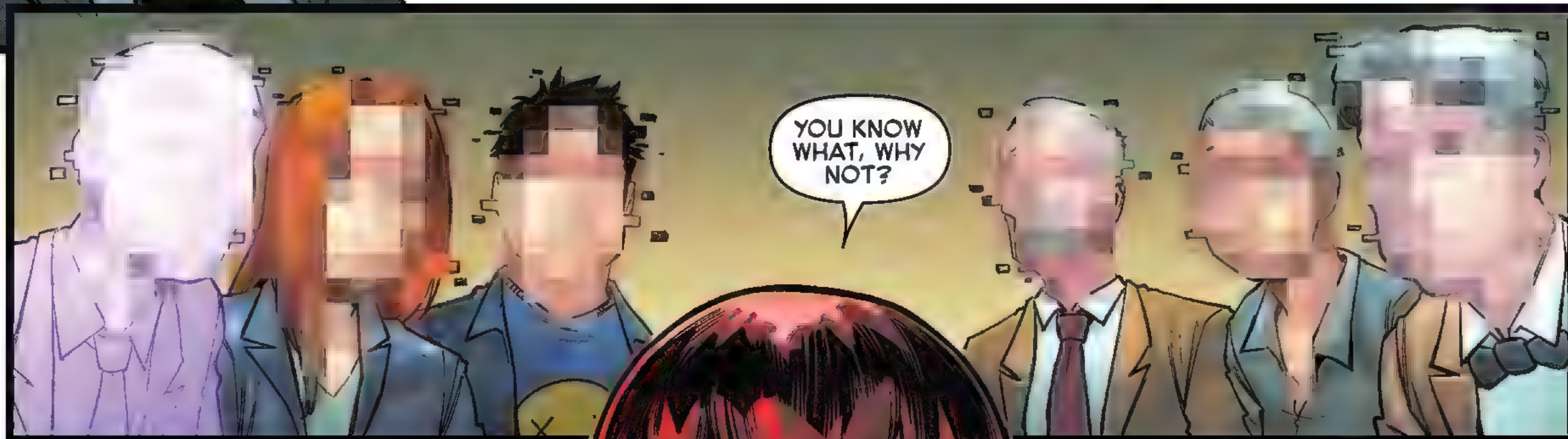
--BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT HERE, YOU ARE HEARD. HERE, YOUR PROBLEMS MATTER. AND THE SAME IS TRUE OUT THERE. WITH THAT, WE'RE JUST ABOUT READY TO ADJOURN.

THOSE OF YOU WITH RIDES, THE STAIRS TO THE ROOFTOP ARE TO YOUR LEFT. FOR EVERYONE ELSE-- OH! I NEARLY FORGOT--



BEFORE WE GO, ONE LAST CHECK WITH OUR VISITOR TO SEE IF SHE'D LIKE TO SHARE SOMETHING HERSELF?

OH, UH...

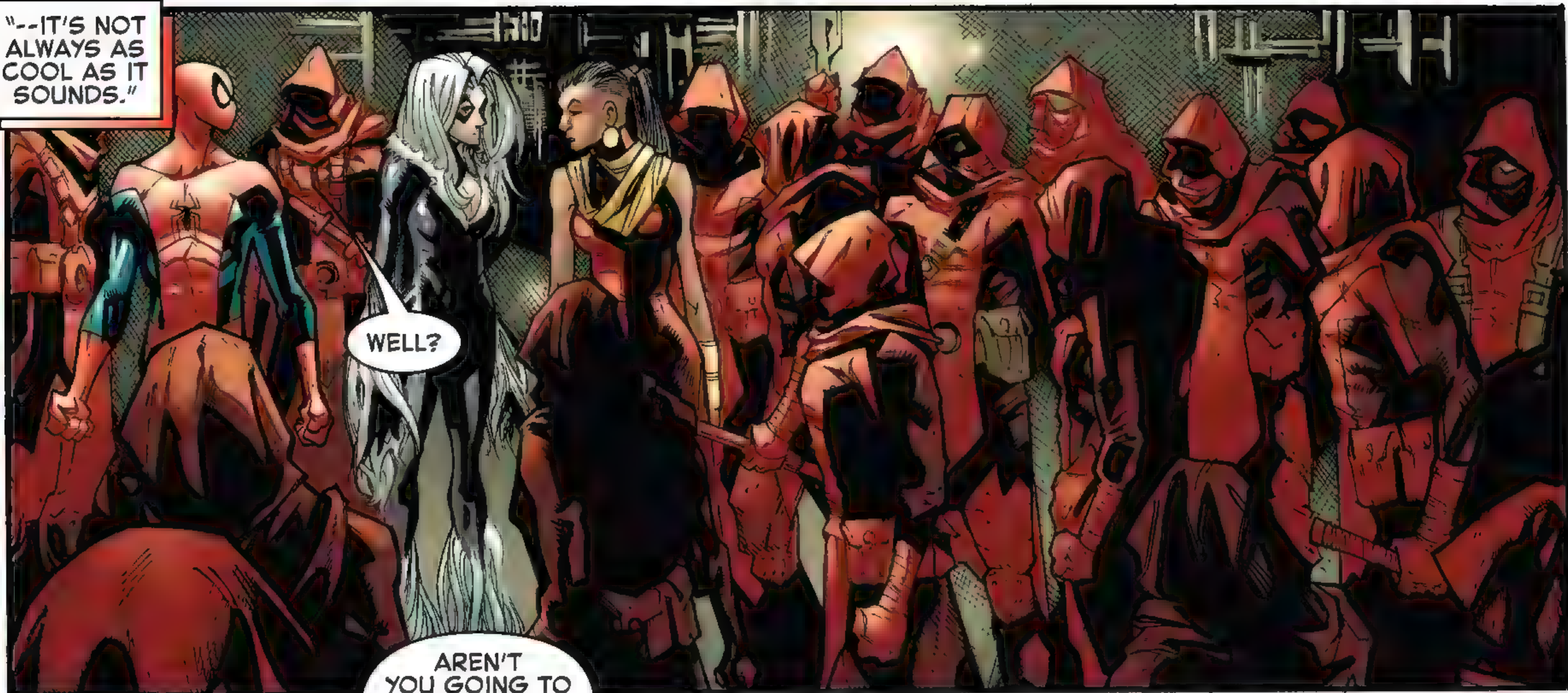


YOU KNOW WHAT, WHY NOT?

HI, MY NAME IS "WE DON'T DO NAMES," AND I'M IN LOVE WITH A SUPER HERO.

TRUST ME--

"--IT'S NOT ALWAYS AS COOL AS IT SOUNDS."



WELL?

AREN'T YOU GOING TO INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR FRIENDS?

SHE ALWAYS DOES THIS. SHE NEVER INTRODUCES ME--

YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HER, SPIDERMAN...



...WE DON'T USUALLY ALLOW GUESTS HERE. YOU KNOW THE RULES, FELICIA.

YEAH... NEVER EXACTLY BEEN GREAT WITH THOSE, ODESSA.

IT'S TRUE. YOU SHOULD SEE HER WHEN SHE'S DRIVING. ALWAYS ON HER PHONE.





I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO UPSET. AFTER ALL, MY DUES ARE PAID UP IN *FULL*, REMEMBER? YOU CAN'T HURT ME. BESIDES, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND YOU COULD USE THE PATRONAGE.

ACTUALLY WE'RE ANTICIPATING QUITE THE WINDFALL--

--THANKS TO ALL *THIS*.



YEAH, I'LL ADMIT, VERY SAVVY P.R. MOVE. WELL ORCHESTRATED, TOO--

YOU COULD'VE BEEN A PART OF IT. BUT INSTEAD YOU *DESECRATE* THESE GROUNDS BY BRINGING THE SPIDERMAN--

I'M SORRY--I'M *REALLY* SORRY-- TO INTERRUPT BUT, SEE, I CAN TELL YOU'RE SAYING IT WITHOUT THE *HYPHEN*, AND THAT JUST--IT *BOTHERS* ME...



NO. THIS GOES TOO FAR. SOME OF THIS STUFF IS FAIR GAME. YOU WANNA STEAL NIGHT THRASHER'S SKATEBOARD? FINE.

BUT SOME OF THESE ITEMS ARE *NEEDED*. TO *PROTECT* PEOPLE. TO *SAVE* LIVES. WE DON'T STEAL THAT. THAT'S NOT WHO WE ARE--



--THAT'S NOT WHO I AM.

IT'S JUST LIKE THE *TINIEST* PAUSE IN BETWEEN THE WORDS...



SIGH TAKE HER.

KILL HIM.



YOU READY FOR THIS, SPIDEY?

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, TAKE-LADY!



NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG-- I KNOW THERE ARE PERKS TO THIS LIFE, I REALLY DO. SOMETIMES WHEN HE TAKES ME UP HIGH ABOVE THE CITY, WHERE NO ONE ELSE CAN GO, AND HE'S HOLDING ON TO ME SO TIGHTLY--

YEAH, THAT'S NICE.



"BUT FOR THE LONGEST TIME, I COULDN'T HANDLE IT. COULDN'T STAND THE WORRYING ABOUT HIM, THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS WHILE HE WAS OUT THERE, RISKING HIS LIFE.

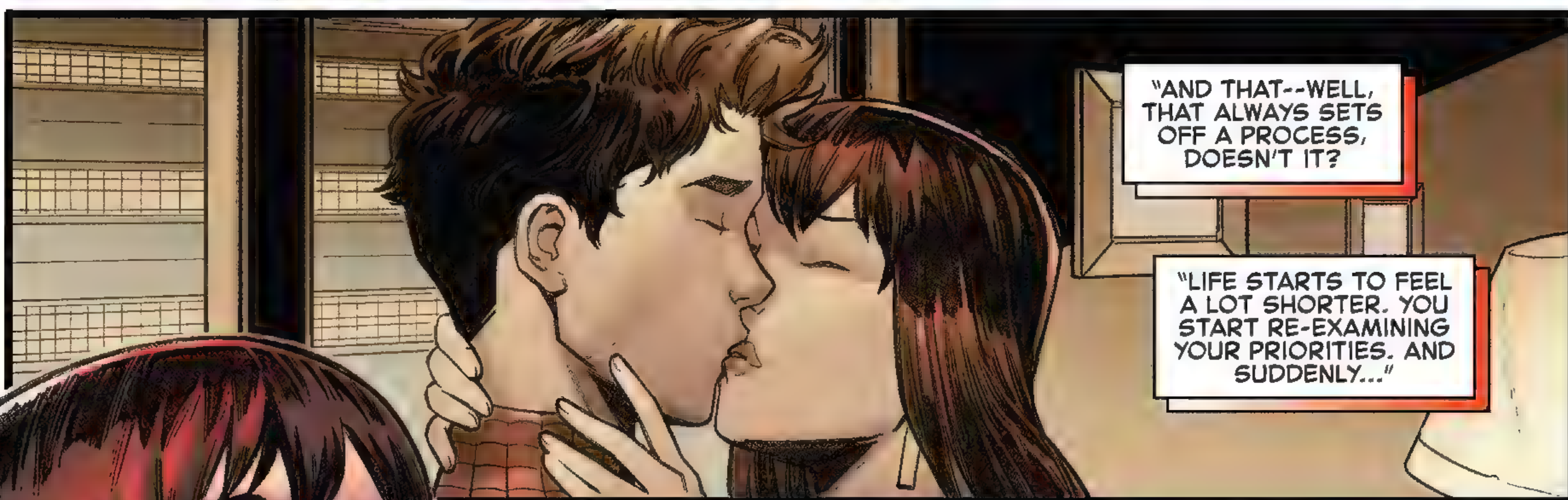
"OR THEN SOME HORRIBLE EVIL MASTERMIND WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT US, AND COME AFTER ME, AND SUDDENLY MY LIFE WAS IN DANGER."



IT WAS ALL JUST TOO MUCH.

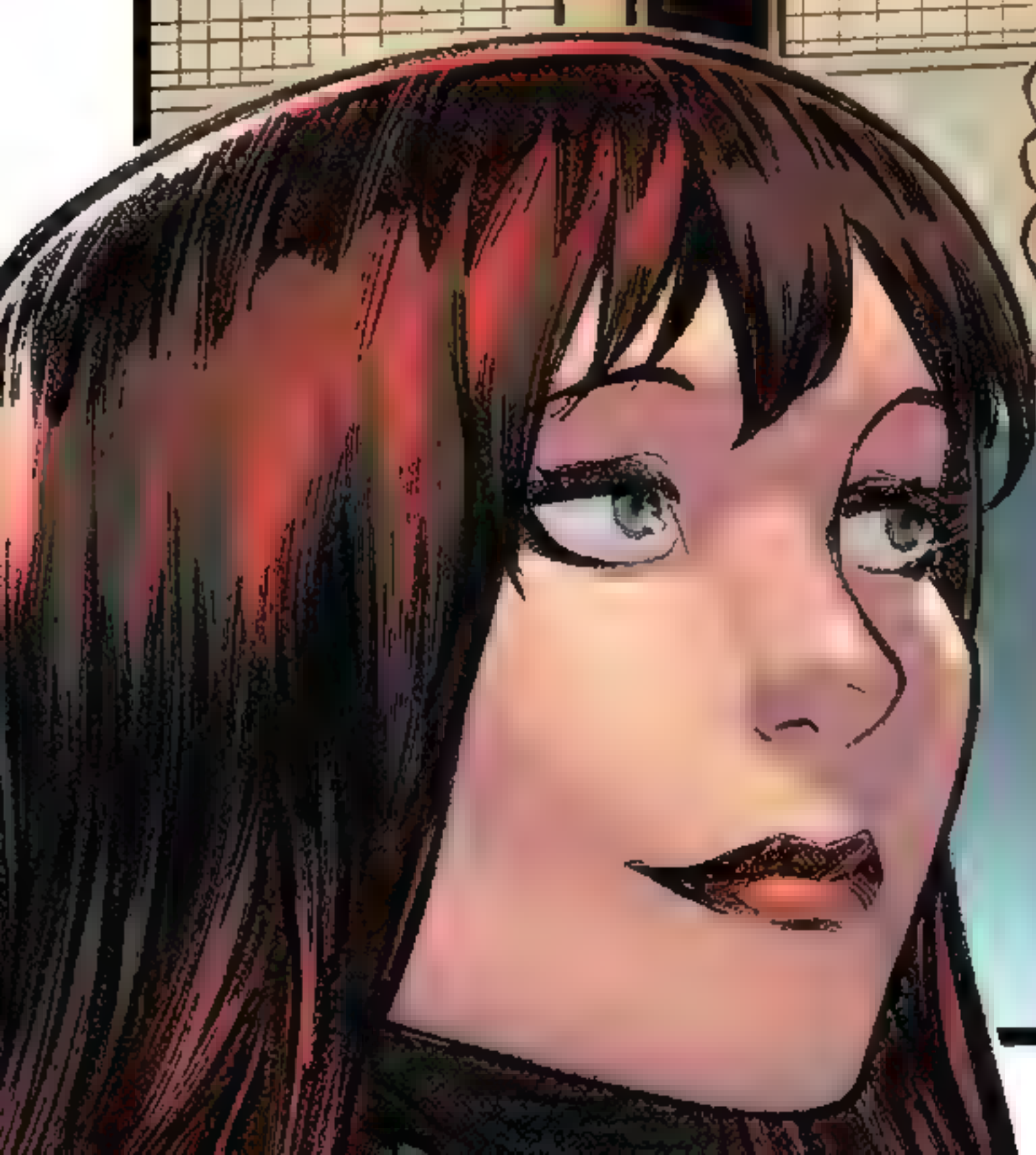
SO WE'D BREAK UP, THEN GET BACK TOGETHER. BREAK UP, GET BACK TOGETHER. CIRCLE OF LIFE. BUT THEN--

--WE LOST SOMEONE. SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS LOSING SOMEONE, BUT-- THIS WAS A REALLY GOOD FRIEND, SOMEONE WE'D BOTH KNOWN A LONG TIME.

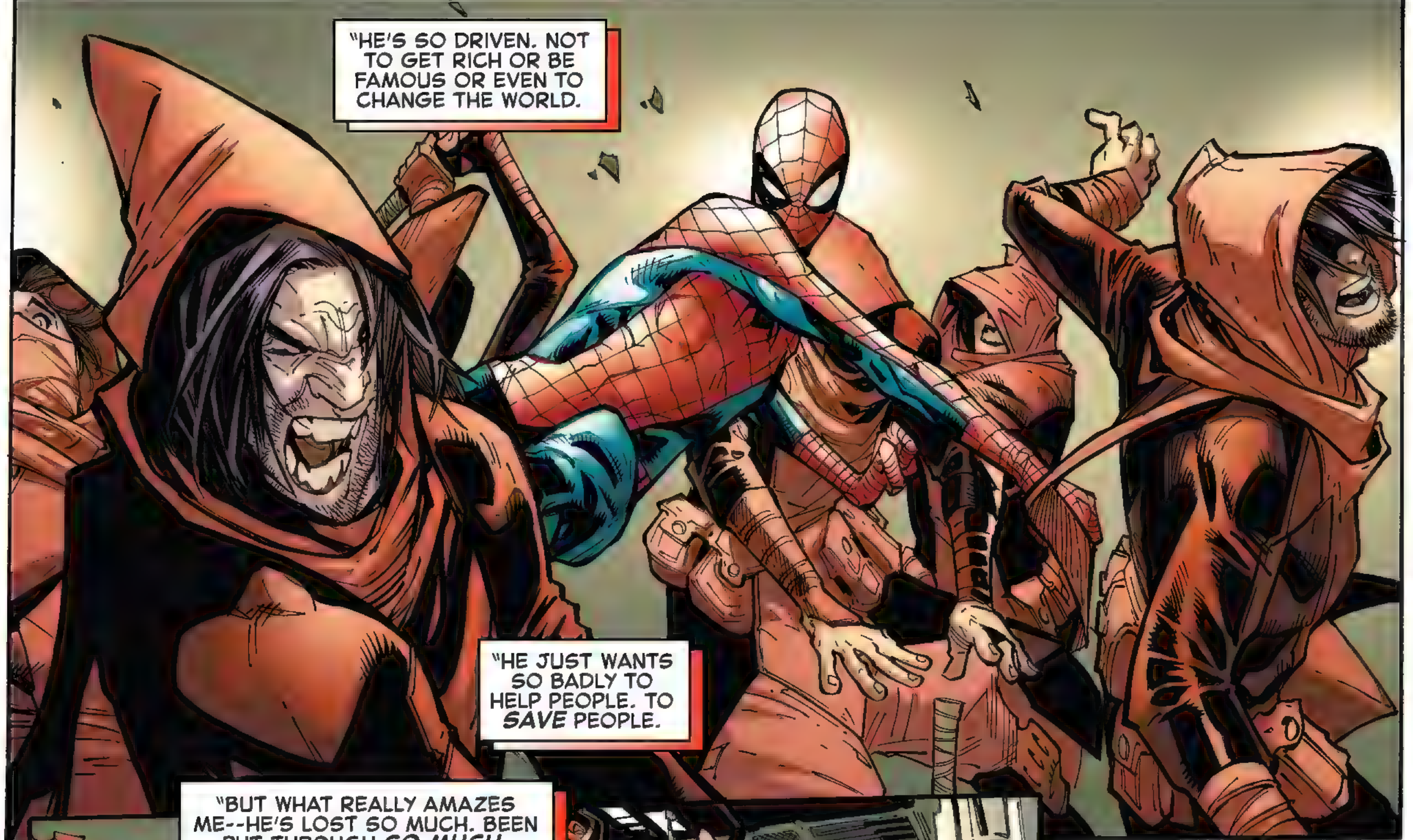


"AND THAT--WELL, THAT ALWAYS SETS OFF A PROCESS, DOESN'T IT?"

"LIFE STARTS TO FEEL A LOT SHORTER. YOU START RE-EXAMINING YOUR PRIORITIES. AND SUDDENLY..."



SUDDENLY I STARTED TO REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS I LOVED ABOUT HIM BEING, WELL, HIM.



"HE'S SO DRIVEN. NOT TO GET RICH OR BE FAMOUS OR EVEN TO CHANGE THE WORLD."

"HE JUST WANTS SO BADLY TO HELP PEOPLE. TO **SAVE** PEOPLE."

"BUT WHAT REALLY AMAZES ME--HE'S LOST SO MUCH. BEEN PUT THROUGH **SO MUCH**."



"HE HAS SUFFERED IN SO MANY WAYS, AND SO OFTEN, IT SHOULD BREAK ANYONE."

"AND YET, SOMEHOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS, HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY FUNNY. OR I MEAN, I THINK HE'S FUNNY."



"HE MAKES ME LAUGH."

"THIS IS A MAN WHO CONSTANTLY CARRIES THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON HIS SHOULDERS--"

"--BUT SOMEHOW HE ALWAYS MANAGES TO LIFT HIMSELF **FREE**. NOT ONLY THAT--"

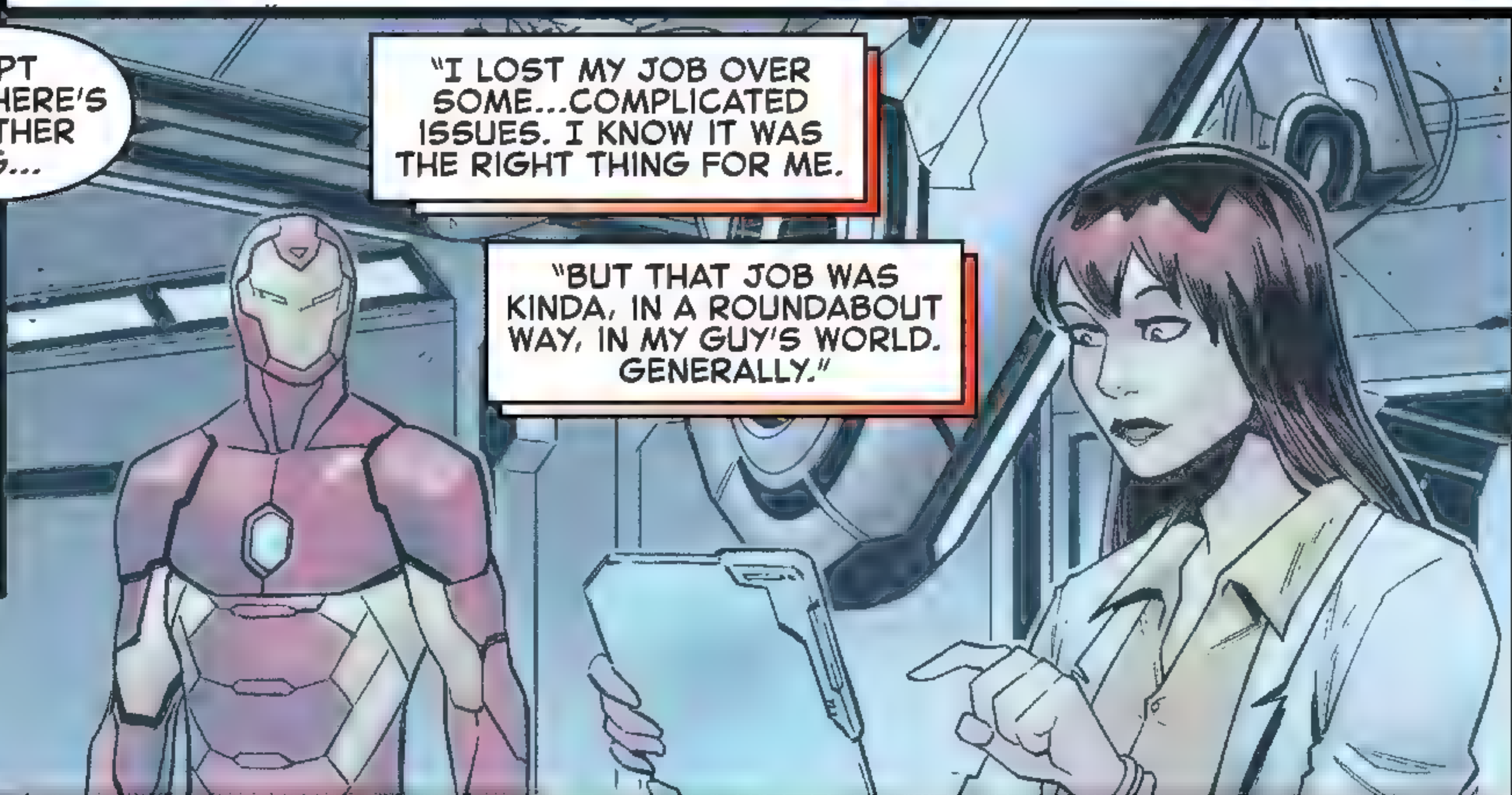


HE LIFTS ME
WITH HIM. THAT'S
GOTTA BE WORTH
THE RISKS.

SO THERE
YOU GO, RIGHT?
GIRL LEARNS TO
ACCEPT BOY,
HAPPY EVER
AFTER.

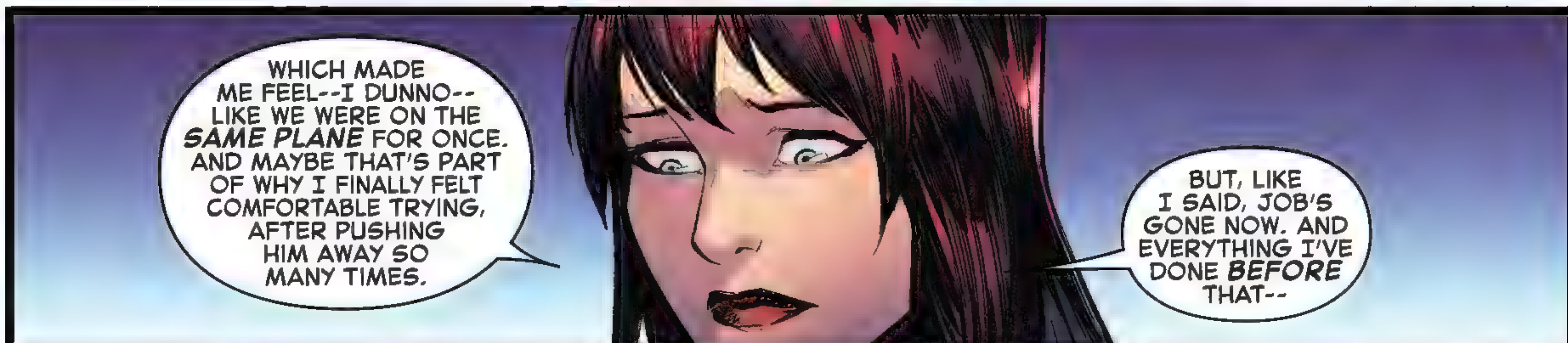


EXCEPT
LATELY THERE'S
THIS OTHER
THING...



"I LOST MY JOB OVER
SOME...COMPLICATED
ISSUES. I KNOW IT WAS
THE RIGHT THING FOR ME.

"BUT THAT JOB WAS
KINDA, IN A ROUNDABOUT
WAY, IN MY GUY'S WORLD.
GENERALLY."

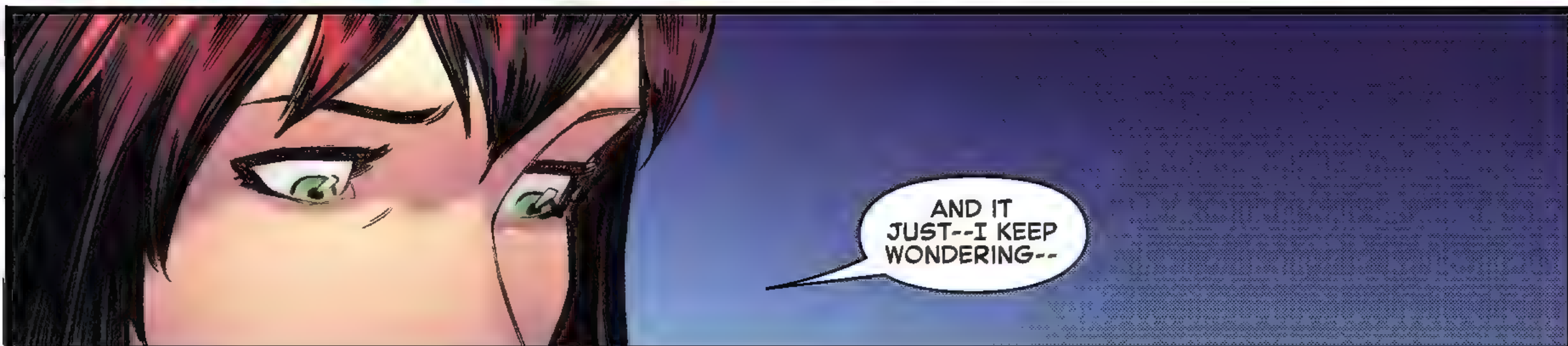


WHICH MADE
ME FEEL--I DUNNO--
LIKE WE WERE ON THE
SAME PLANE FOR ONCE.
AND MAYBE THAT'S PART
OF WHY I FINALLY FELT
COMFORTABLE TRYING,
AFTER PUSHING
HIM AWAY SO
MANY TIMES.

BUT, LIKE
I SAID, JOB'S
GONE NOW. AND
EVERYTHING I'VE
DONE **BEFORE**
THAT--



"WELL, I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN THE PARTY GIRL.
THE GIRL WHO LOVED THE
SPOTLIGHT. IT'S LIKE--
THE EXACT **OPPOSITE**
OF WHAT HE DOES."



AND IT
JUST--I KEEP
WONDERING--



"--SHOULDN'T HE BE WITH SOMEONE MORE LIKE HIM?"

"I MEAN, WHEN WE'VE BEEN BROKEN UP, HE'S DATED OTHER, YOU KNOW-- COSTUMED PEOPLE."

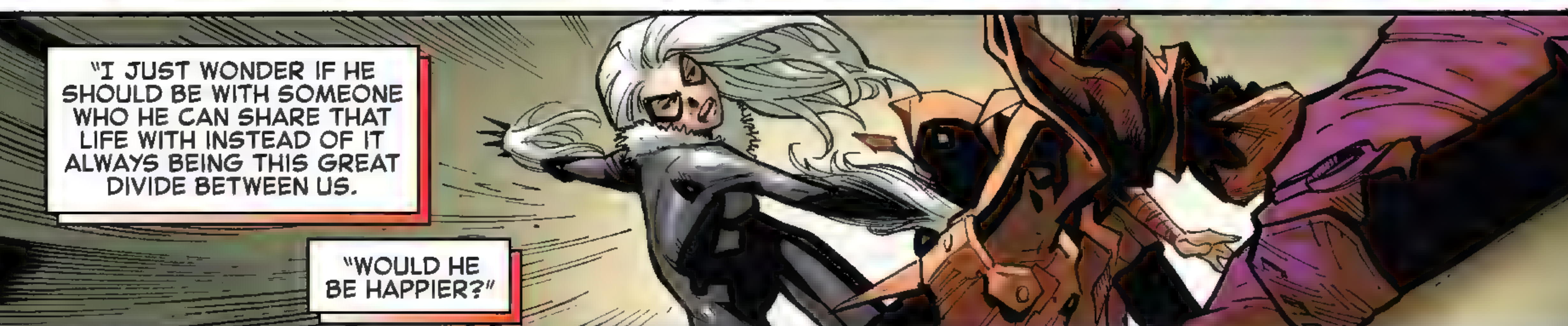


"SOMEONE WHO COULD BE OUT THERE WITH HIM, INSTEAD OF SITTING AT HOME WORRYING."



"SOMEONE HE WOULDN'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT EITHER, BECAUSE THEY COULD PROTECT THEMSELVES."

"NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG--I'M NO PUSHOVER, BUT COMPARED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED EXES? I DON'T STAND A CHANCE UNLESS IT'S A DANCE-OFF."



"I JUST WONDER IF HE SHOULD BE WITH SOMEONE WHO HE CAN SHARE THAT LIFE WITH INSTEAD OF IT ALWAYS BEING THIS GREAT DIVIDE BETWEEN US."

"WOULD HE BE HAPPIER?"

A FEW MINUTES
LATER...

THANK YOU
SO MUCH FOR
SPEAKING TO THE
GROUP. MOST
IMPRESSIVE.

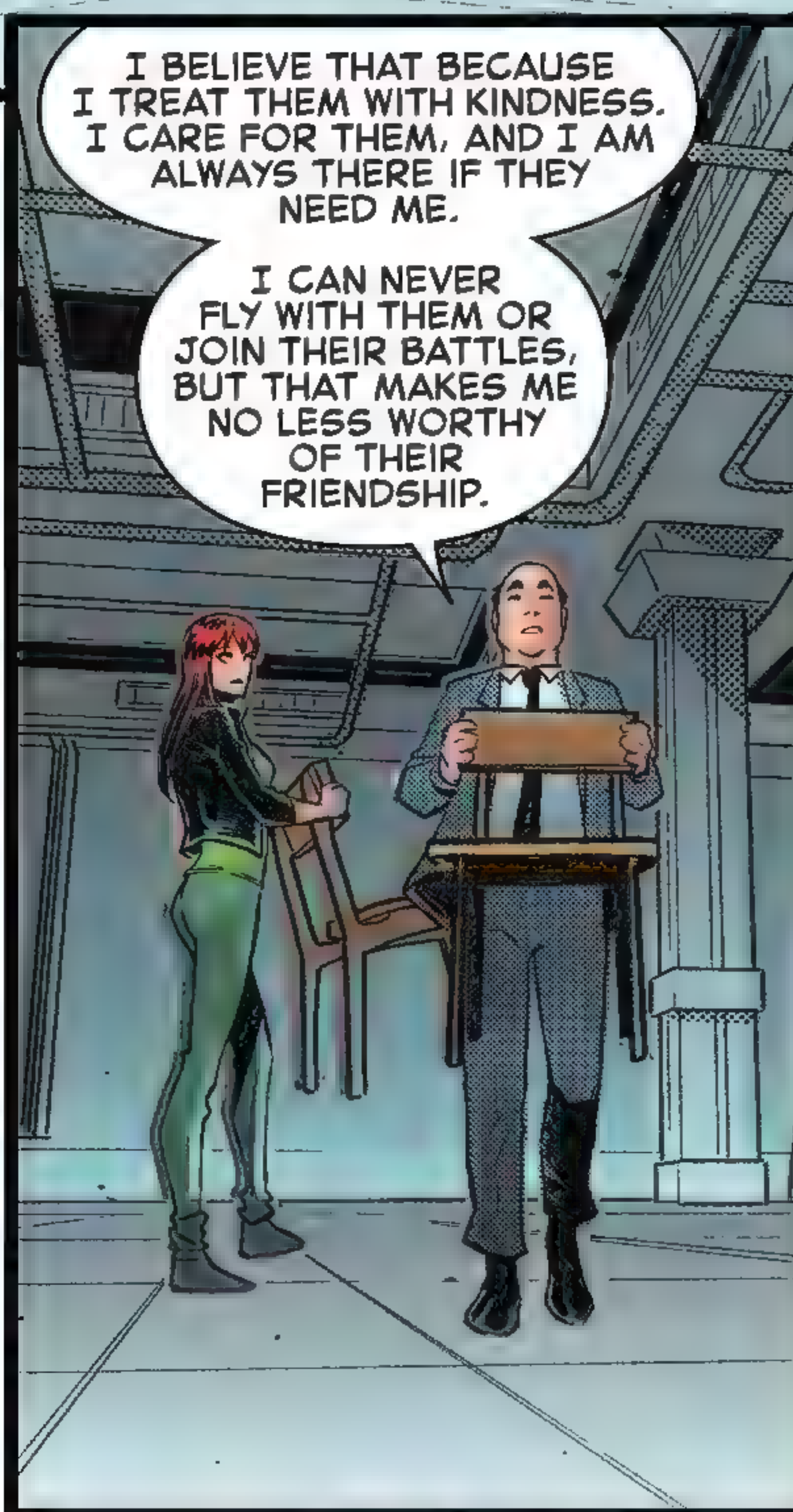
THANKS,
JARVIS. IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE I
WAS ON ANY KIND
OF STAGE, I
GUESS.



I'M A
BUTLER, YOU
KNOW.

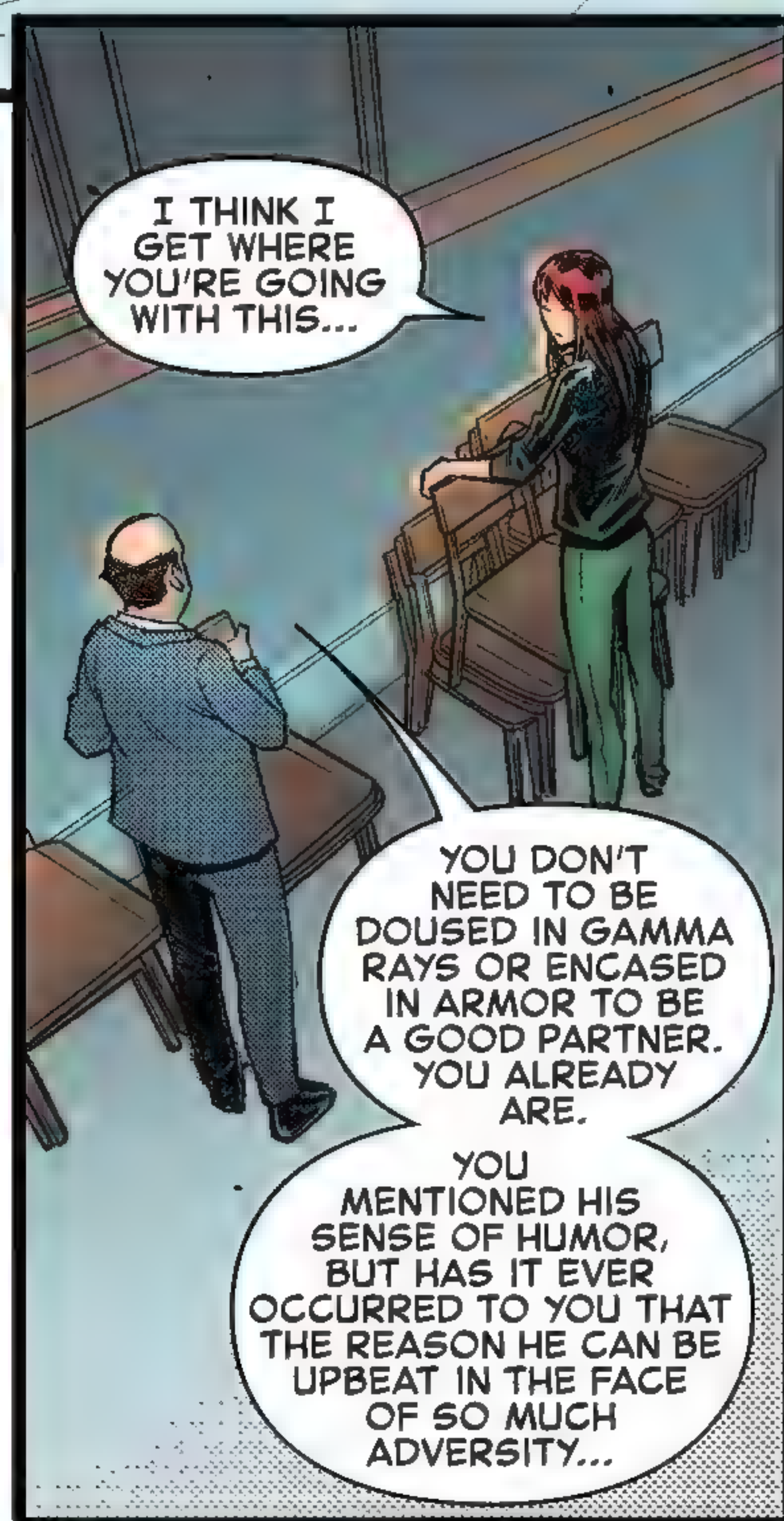
UHH...
YEAH, I'M
AWARE.

AND YET--
I BELIEVE
MYSELF TO BE
INDISPENSABLE
TO THESE HEROES
I SERVE.



I BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE
I TREAT THEM WITH KINDNESS.
I CARE FOR THEM, AND I AM
ALWAYS THERE IF THEY
NEED ME.

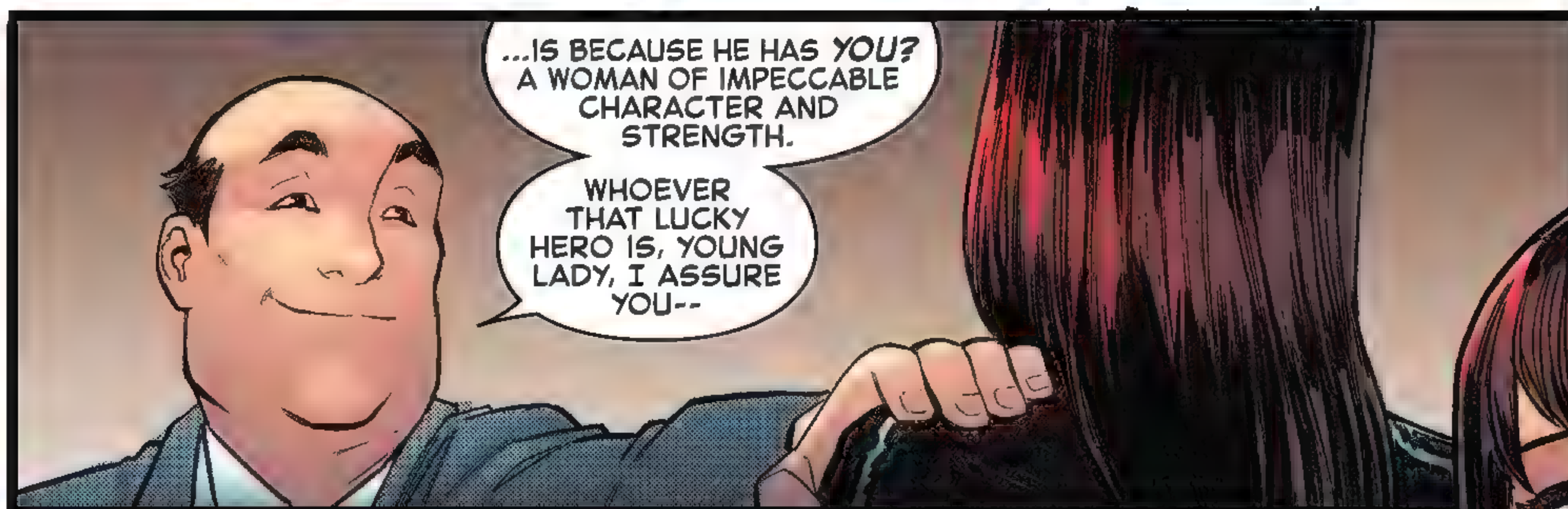
I CAN NEVER
FLY WITH THEM OR
JOIN THEIR BATTLES,
BUT THAT MAKES ME
NO LESS WORTHY
OF THEIR
FRIENDSHIP.



I THINK I
GET WHERE
YOU'RE GOING
WITH THIS...

YOU DON'T
NEED TO BE
DOUSED IN GAMMA
RAYS OR ENCASED
IN ARMOR TO BE
A GOOD PARTNER.
YOU ALREADY
ARE.

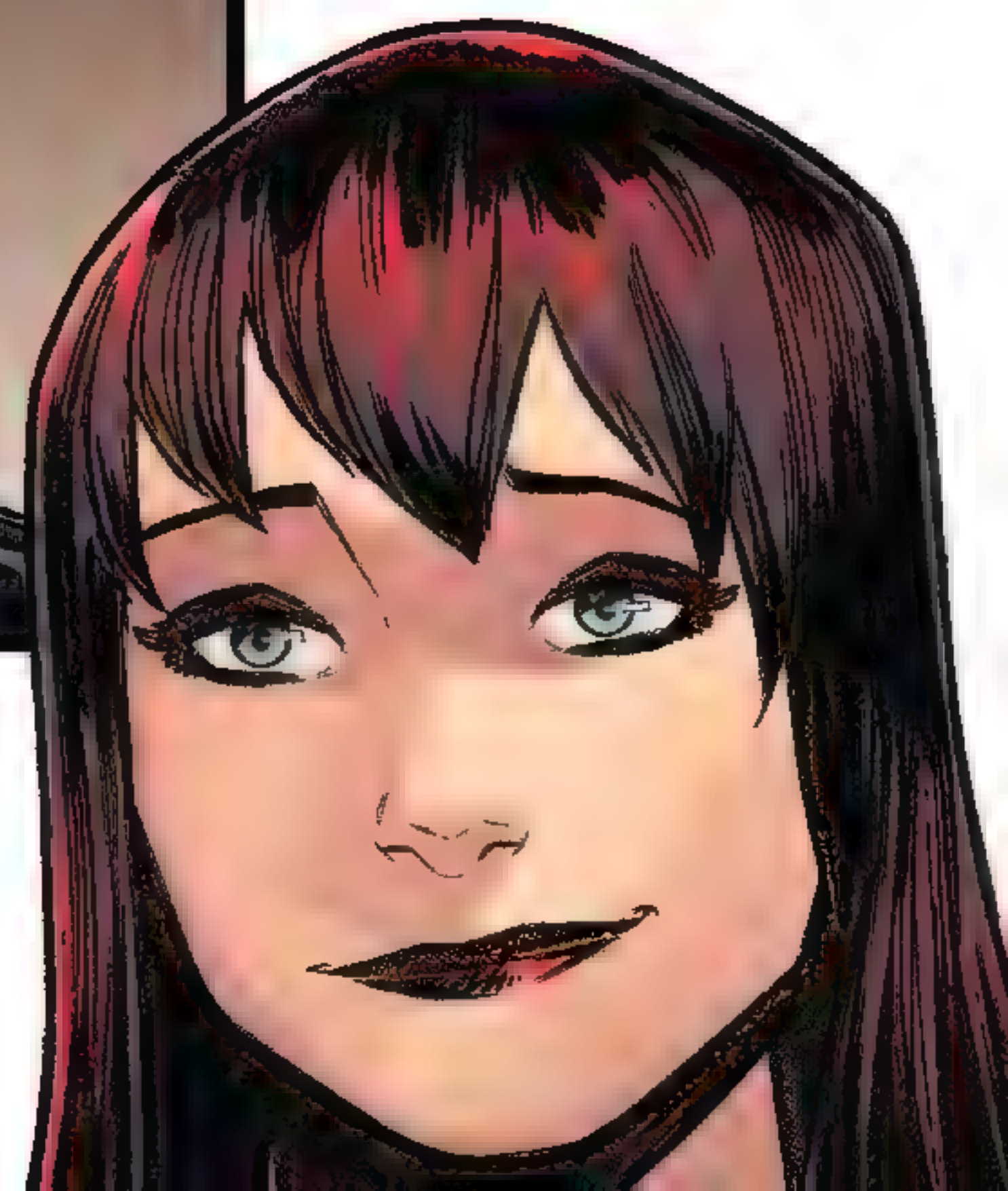
YOU
MENTIONED HIS
SENSE OF HUMOR,
BUT HAS IT EVER
OCCURRED TO YOU THAT
THE REASON HE CAN BE
UPBEAT IN THE FACE
OF SO MUCH
ADVERSITY...



...IS BECAUSE HE HAS YOU?
A WOMAN OF IMPECCABLE
CHARACTER AND
STRENGTH.

WHOEVER
THAT LUCKY
HERO IS, YOUNG
LADY, I ASSURE
YOU--

--YOU ARE
INDISPENSABLE.





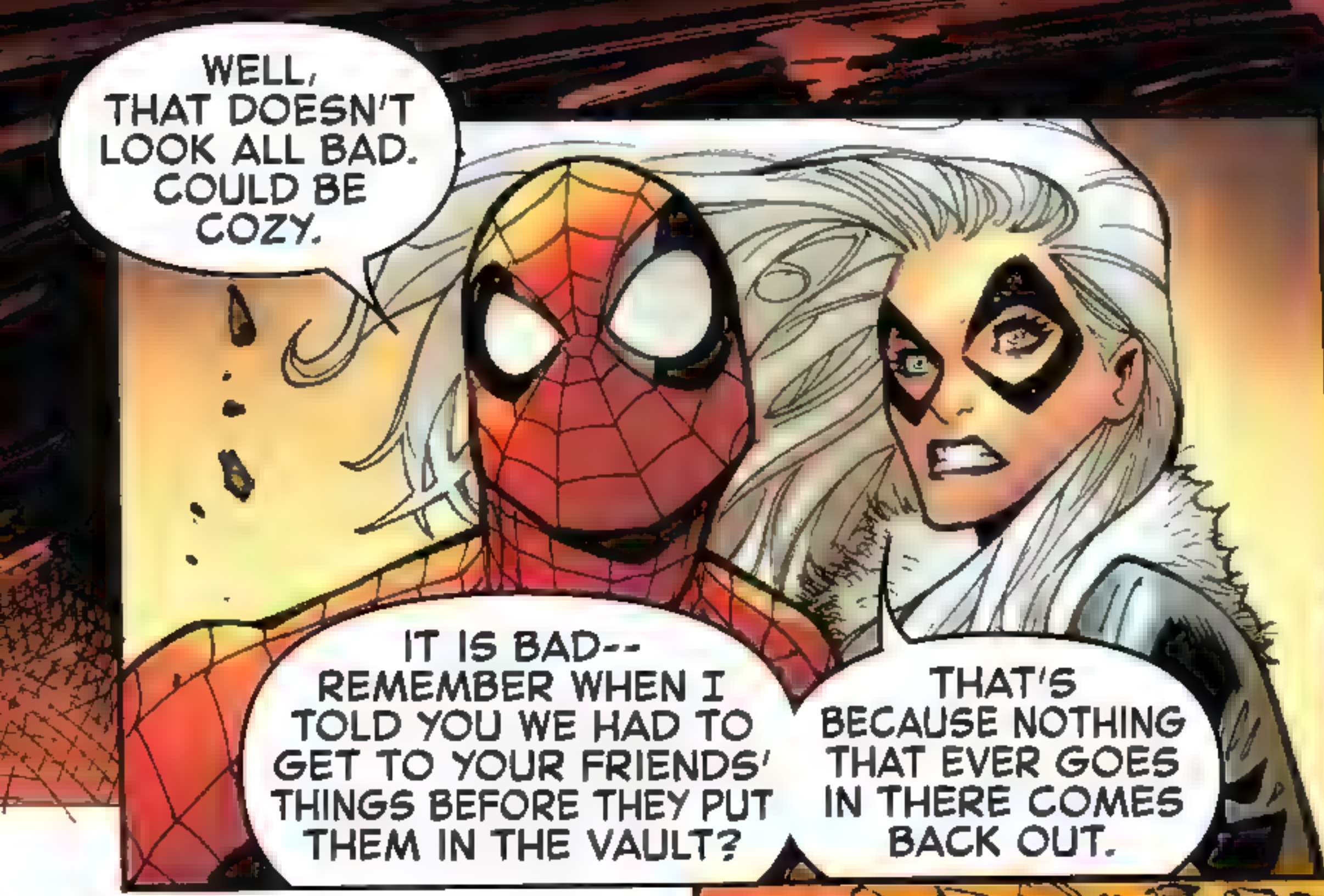


OPEN THE VAULT!

YSRK MPR OPTOM!

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WELL, THAT DOESN'T LOOK ALL BAD. COULD BE COZY.

IT IS BAD-- REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU WE HAD TO GET TO YOUR FRIENDS' THINGS BEFORE THEY PUT THEM IN THE VAULT?

THAT'S BECAUSE NOTHING THAT EVER GOES IN THERE COMES BACK OUT.



HUH? WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING IT, THEN? DON'T YOU WANNA MAKE MONEY OFF WHATEVER'S IN THERE?

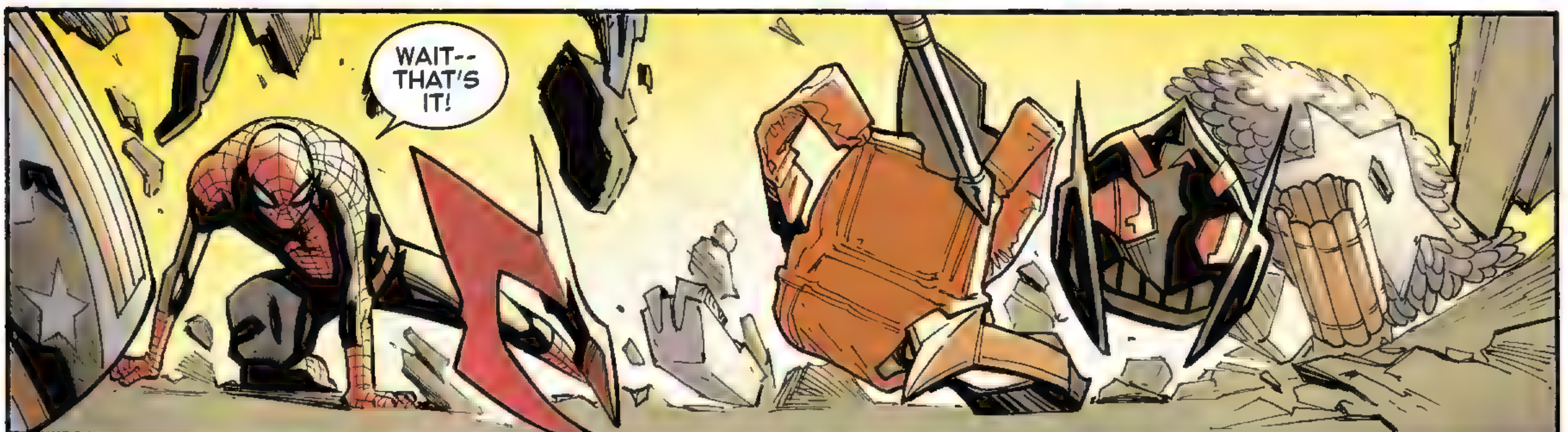
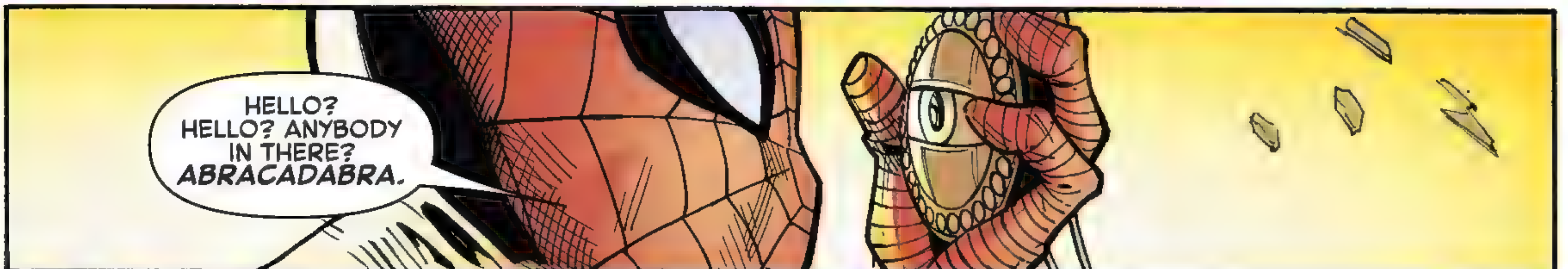
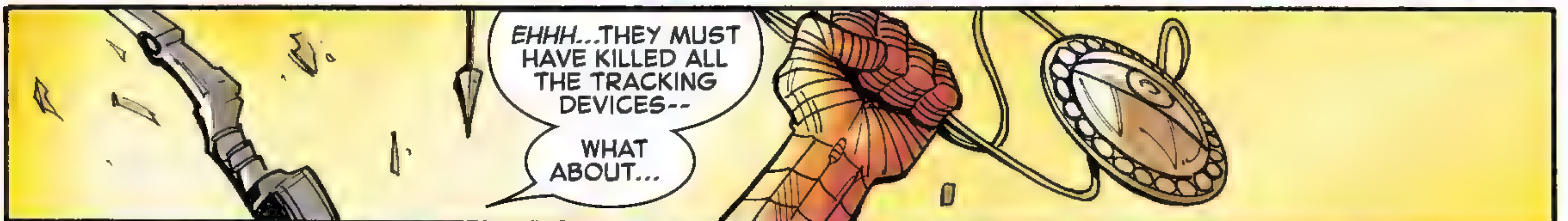
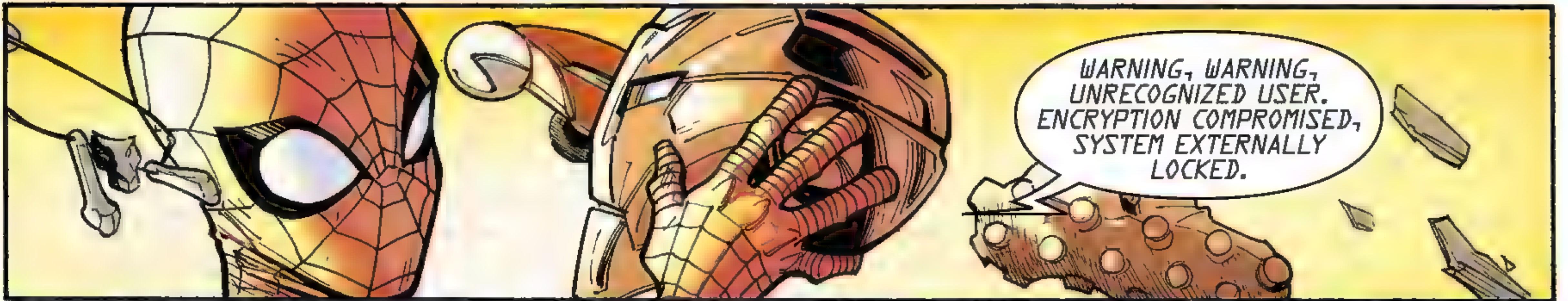
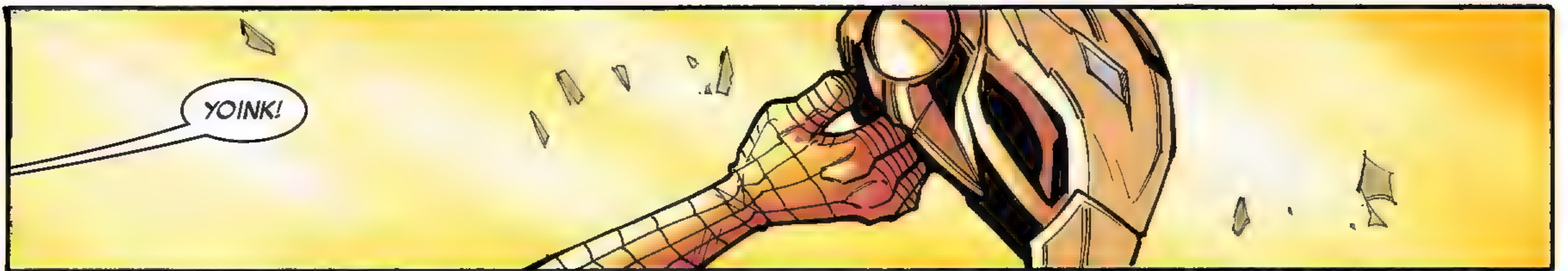
THAT'S NOT WHY WE STEAL. BUT RIGHT NOW--

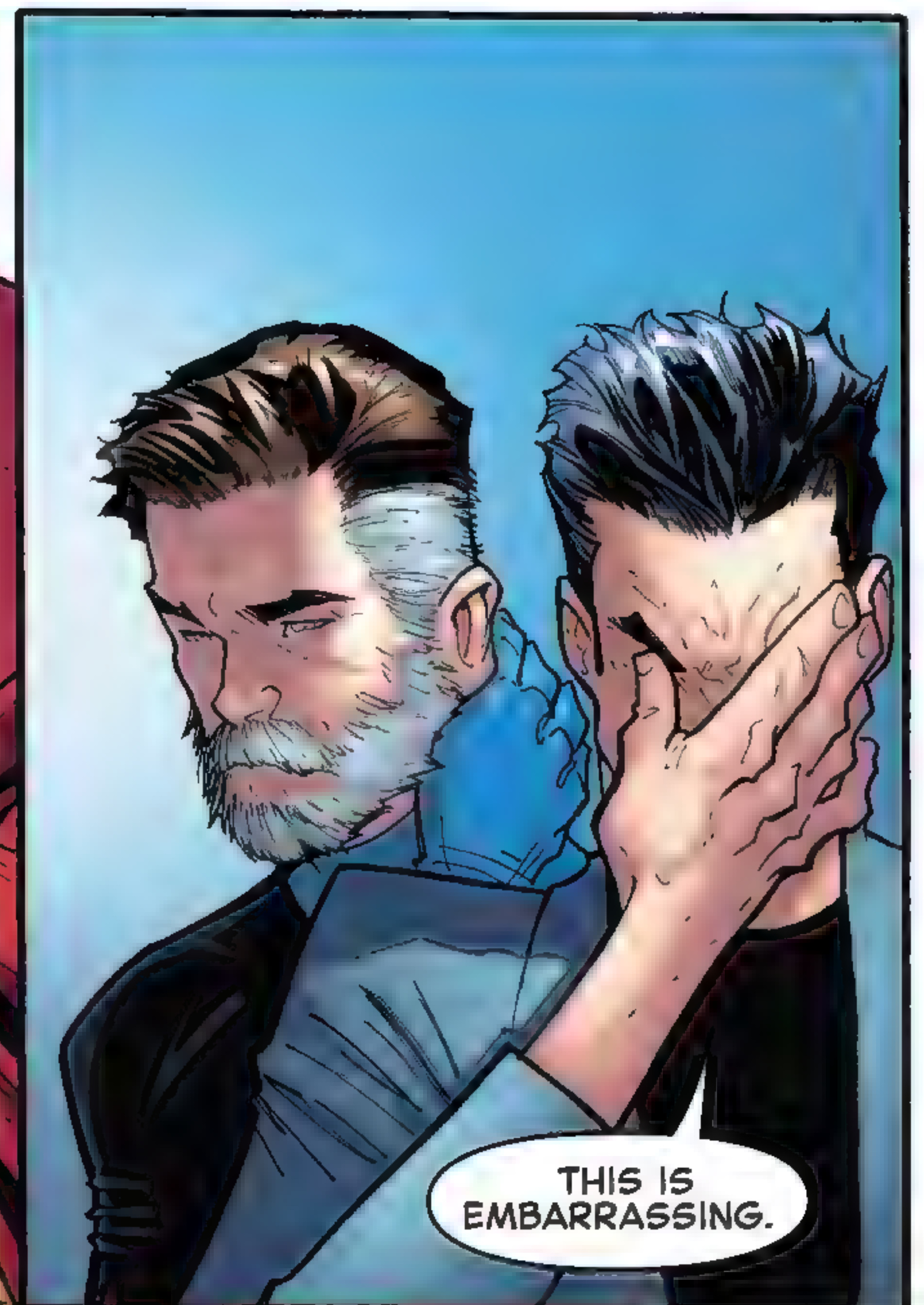
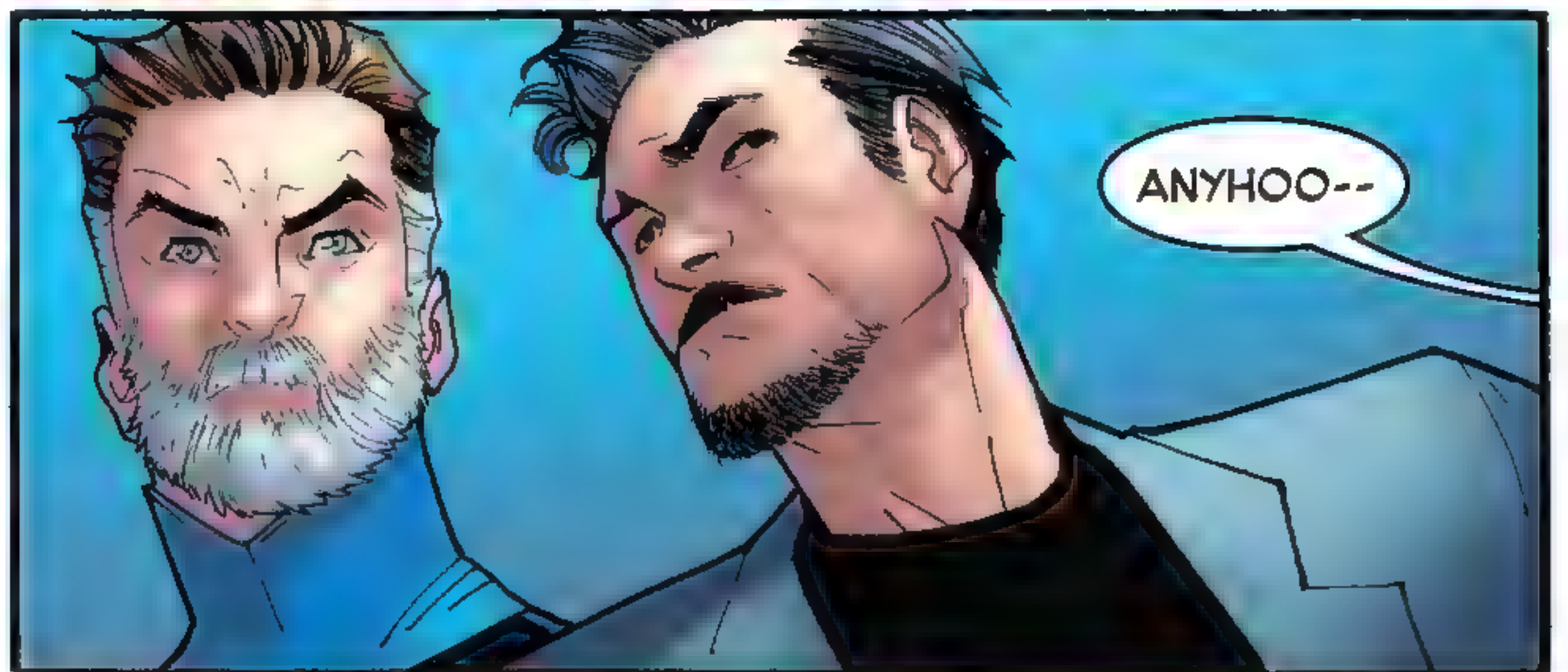


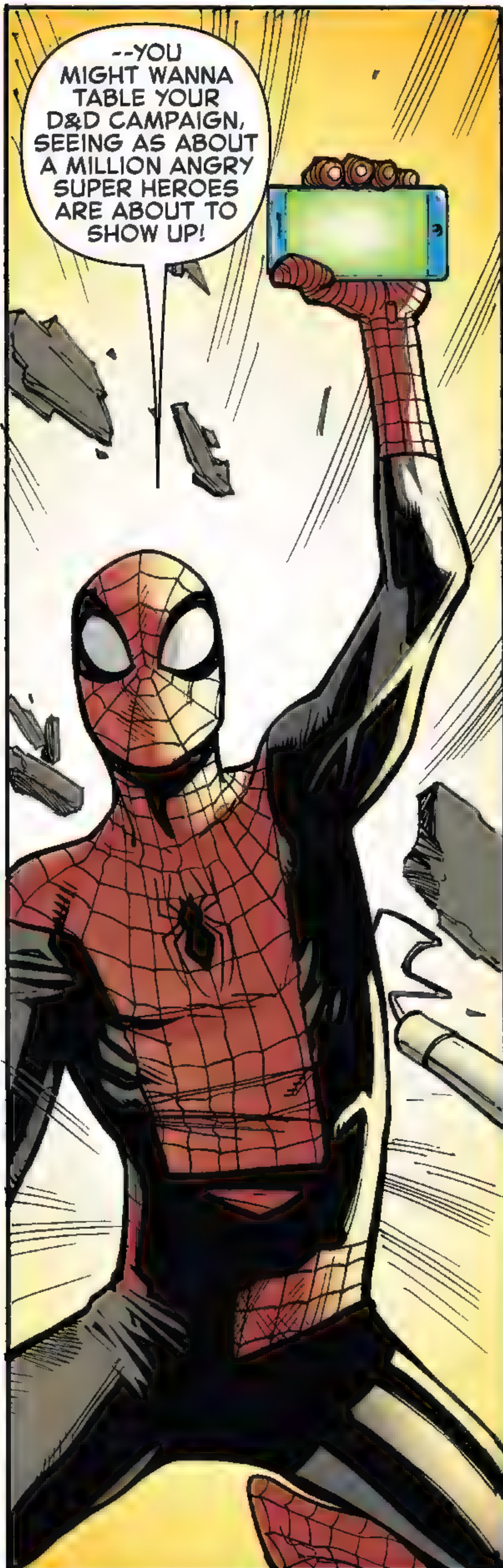
--WE NEED TO FOCUS ON KEEPING IT FROM OPENING. OTHERWISE EVERYTHING IS LOST-- INCLUDING US!

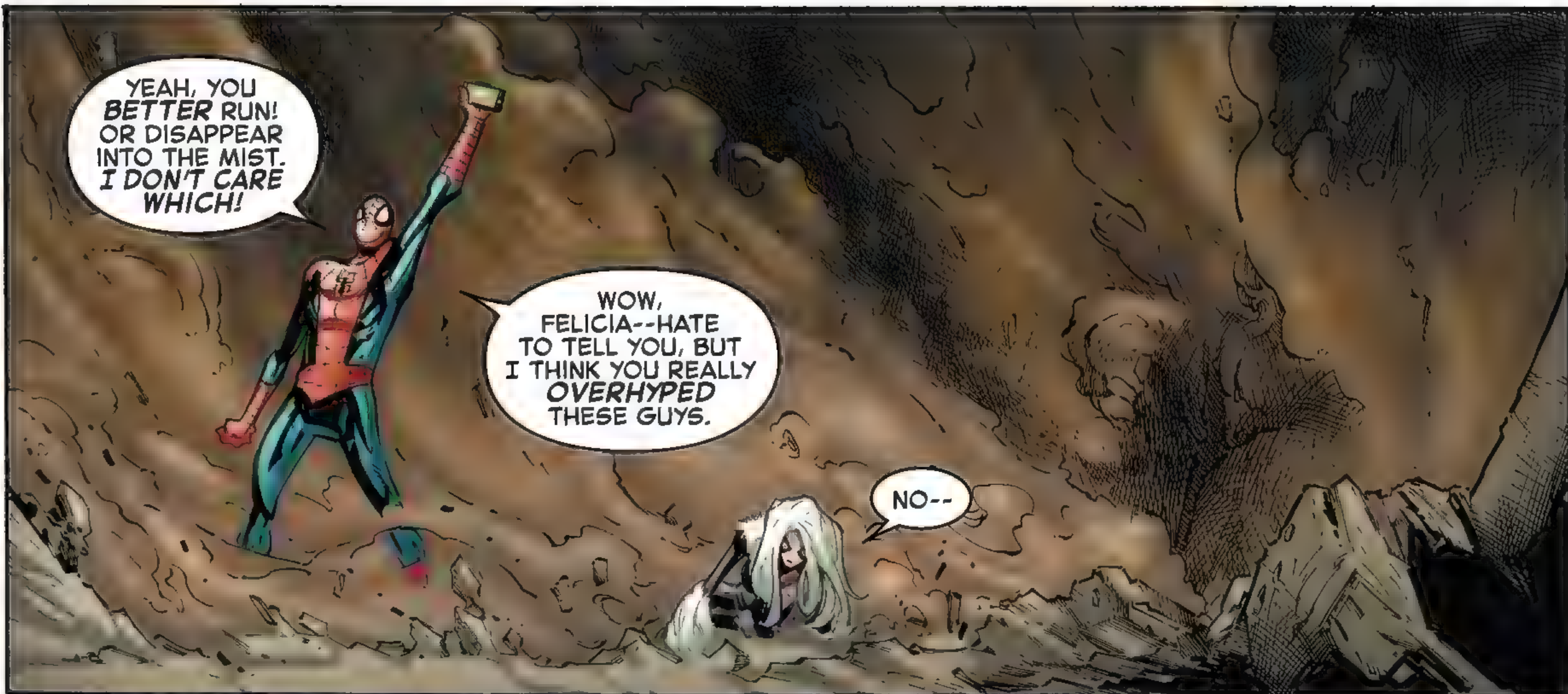


OKAY... OKAY...MAYBE I CAN FIND SOMETHING IN THIS STUFF--SOMETHING THAT CAN SHUT IT DOWN--









YEAH, YOU **BETTER RUN!** OR DISAPPEAR INTO THE MIST. I DON'T CARE WHICH!

WOW, FELICIA--HATE TO TELL YOU, BUT I THINK YOU REALLY **OVERHYPED** THESE GUYS.

NO--



"--THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED."

HURRY, MAN, THIS WAY!
I THOUGHT THE MEETUP POINT WAS DOWNTOWN!

IT IS--



JUST GOTTA MAKE A STOP FIRST.

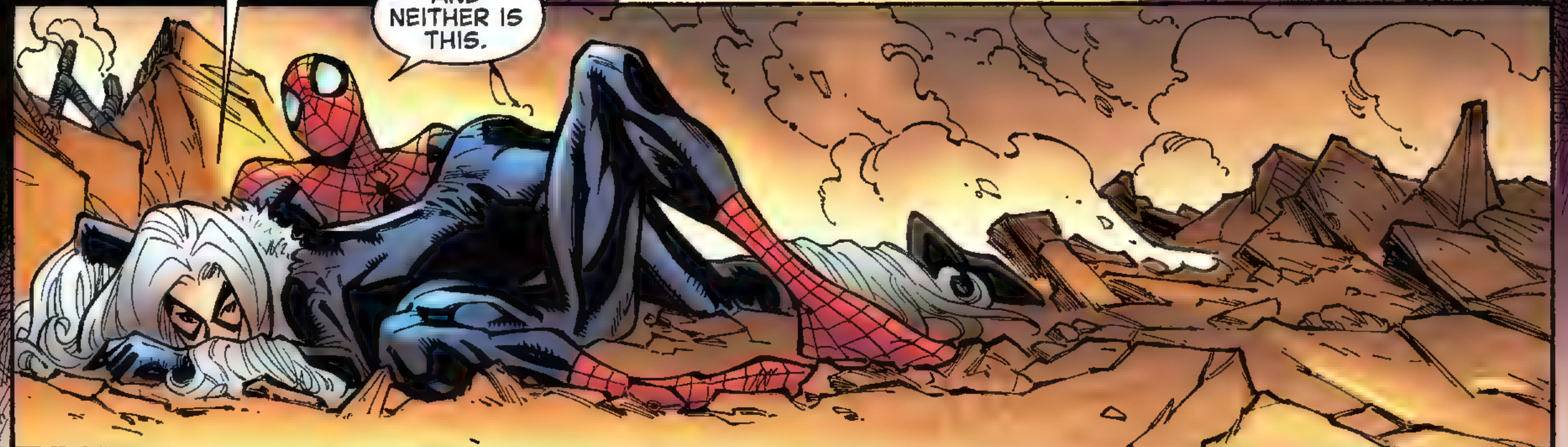
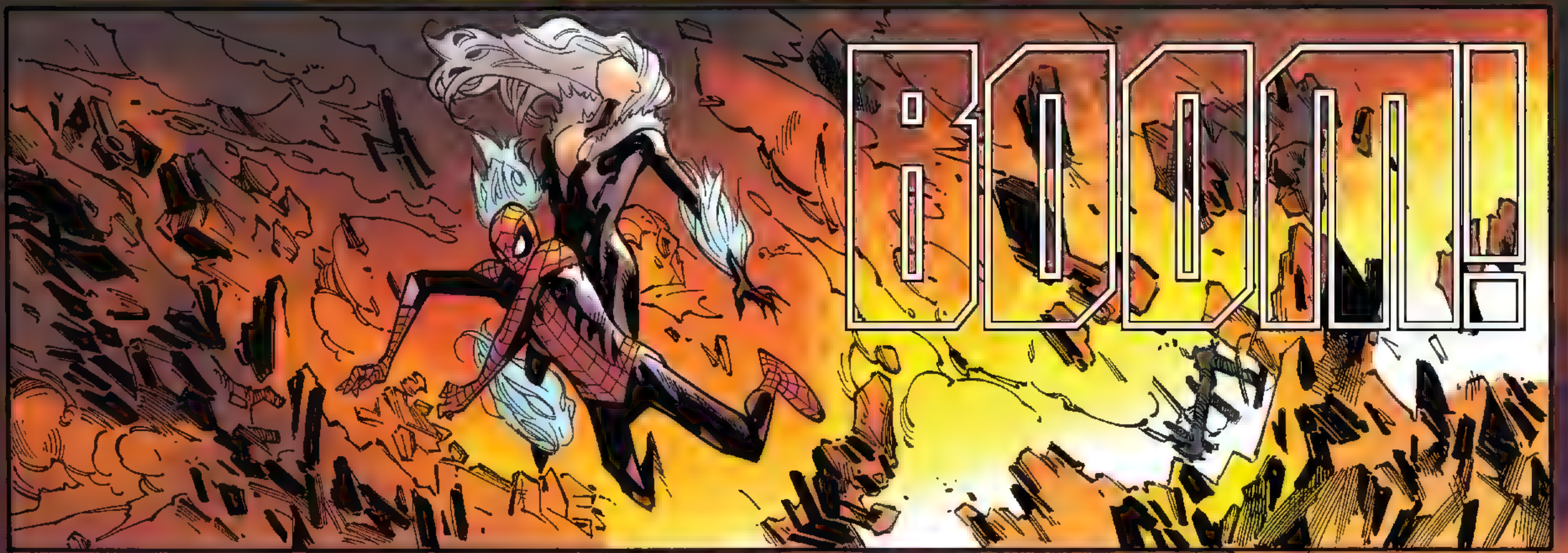
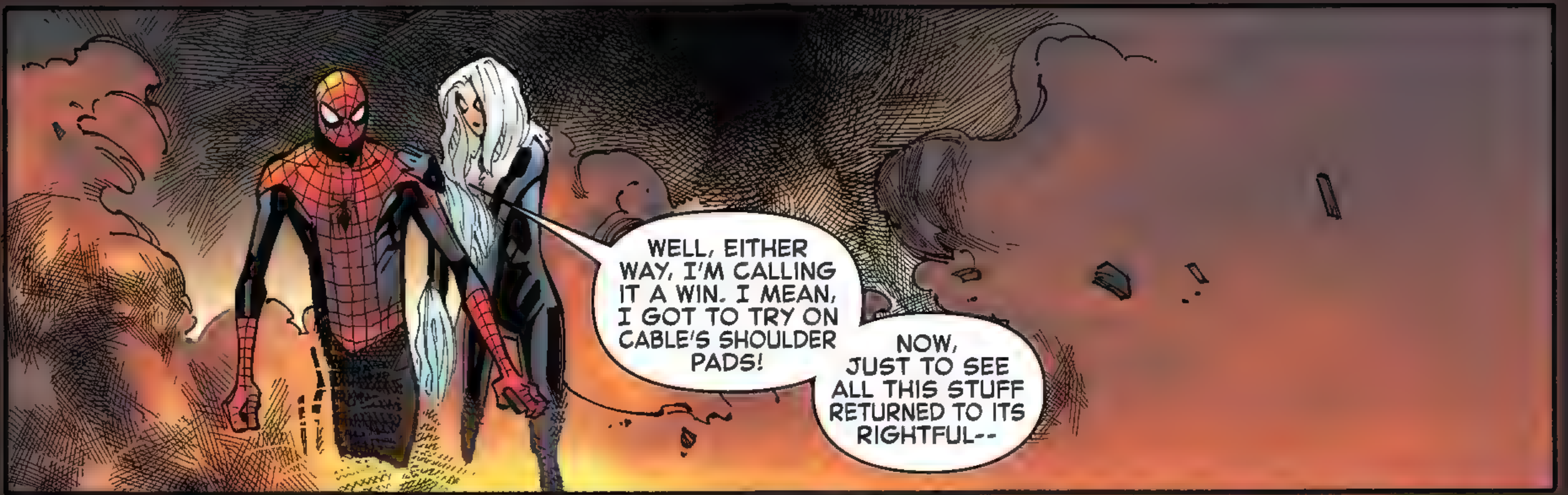
WHAT ARE YOU, **SUPERSTITIOUS?** THE COPS ARE RIGHT BEHIND US. THIS THING IS A PRANK.



NAH, AIN'T YOU SEEN THE NEWS?
THE THIEVES GUILD IS **LEGIT**. AND IF THEY COULD TAKE ALL THAT FROM THE AVENGERS, THE X-MEN--



--IMAGINE WHAT THEY COULD DO TO US!





HEY, THAT WAS FUN, RIGHT? SPIDER-MAN AND THE BLACK CAT, TOGETHER AGAIN! I MEAN, EXCEPT FOR THE--

YEAH. EXCEPT FOR THAT.



BECAUSE--

I'M SEEING SOMEONE.

AWESOME! ME TOO.



WHEW. WELL, I AM JUST REALLY GLAD YOU ARE BACK ON THE SIDE OF THE KLEPTOMANIAC ANGELS. BECAUSE I CAN HANDLE *DOESN'T-RETURN-HER-LIBRARY-BOOKS* FELICIA, BUT *EVIL-MOB-BOSS* FELICIA--

THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST.



I'VE BEEN IN A REALLY DARK PLACE. AND I THOUGHT IT STARTED WITH YOU WHEN YOU WERE--I MEAN WHEN--

WHEN *DOCTOR OCTOPUS* WAS ME?

YEAH. BUT THE TRUTH IS I THINK IT STARTED *EARLIER* THAN THAT.



THERE'S BEEN THIS THING CLAWING AT THE BACK OF MY HEAD--

OOH, GOOD CAT REFERENCE.

--I COULDN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT FOR THE LONGEST TIME, BUT FINALLY I FIGURED IT OUT--



--I DON'T REMEMBER YOU.



WOW, I ALWAYS THOUGHT I MADE A BETTER IMPRESSION THAN THAT. I MEAN, I GET I'M NO **GAMBIT**, BUT--

YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE. UNDER THAT MASK.



OH RIGHT, THAT. WELL, SEE, I'D KINDA TOLD A FEW BILLION TOO MANY PEOPLE MY SECRET IDENTITY. IT...TURNED OUT REALLY BADLY.

SO WITH SOME HELP, WE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO MAKE EVERYBODY FORGET.



EVERYBODY? I'M NOT **EVERYBODY**! SPIDER, WE WERE... **TOGETHER**. AND NOW, I CAN'T--I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT YOUR **FACE** LOOKS LIKE. WHAT YOUR **NAME** IS!

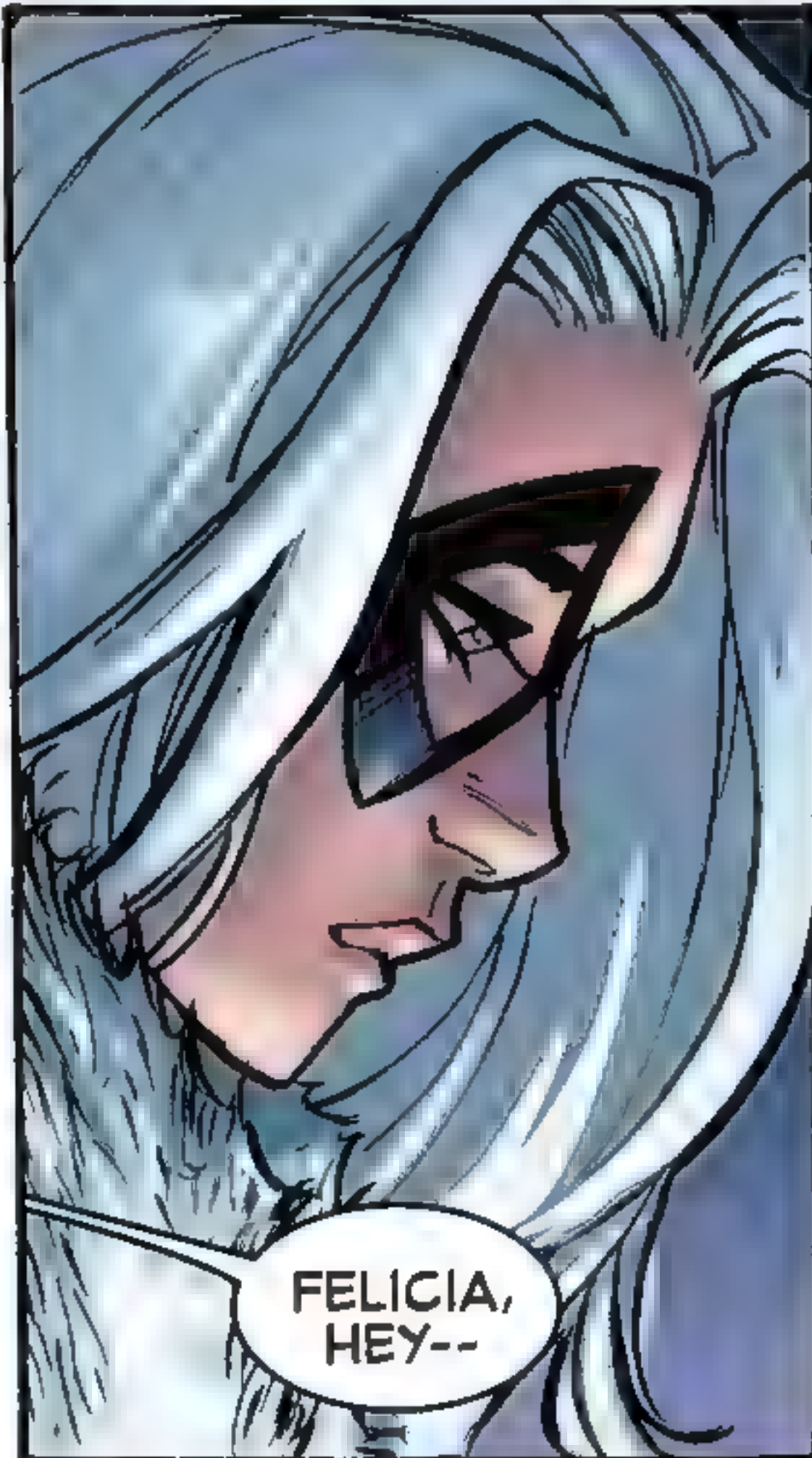
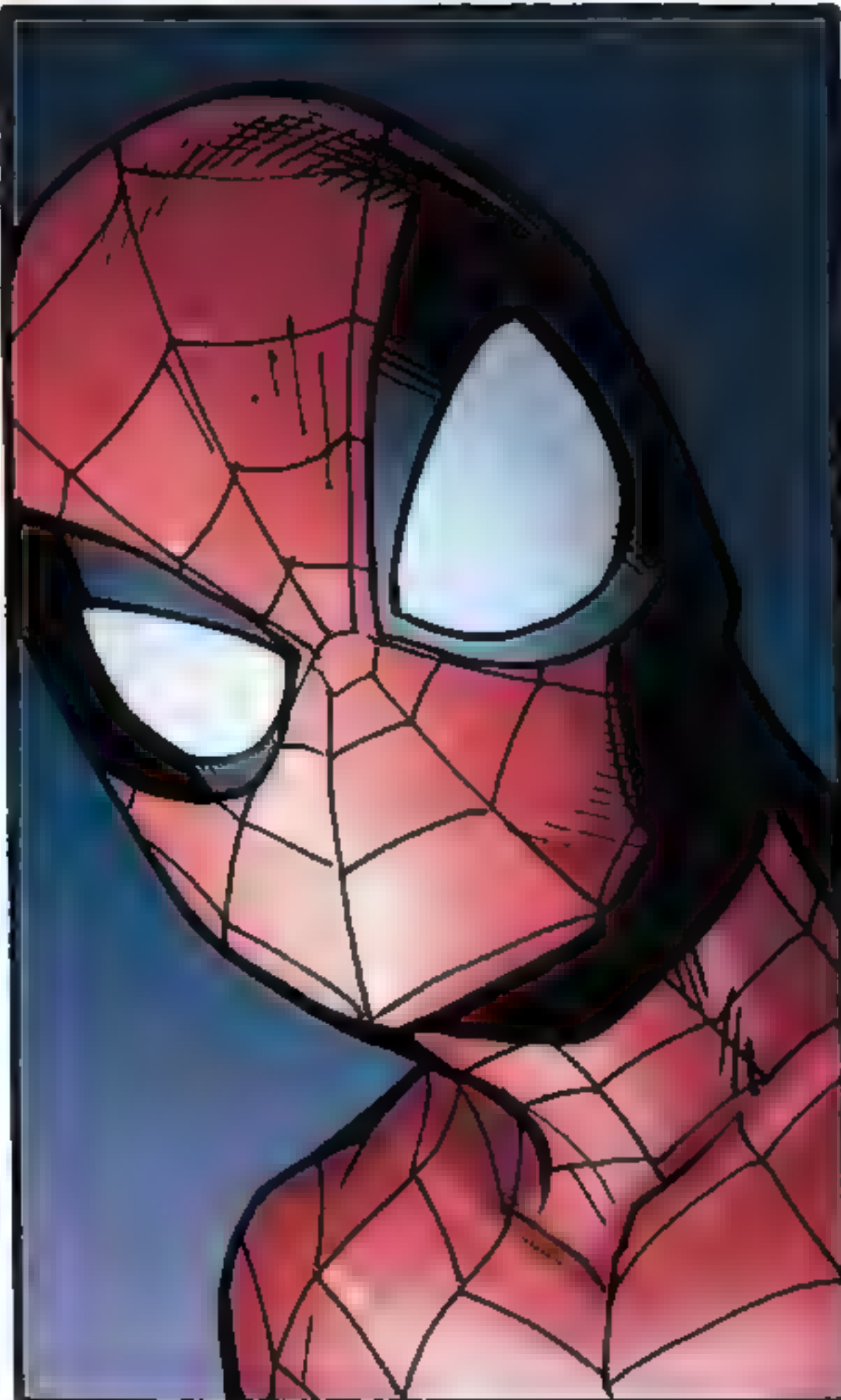
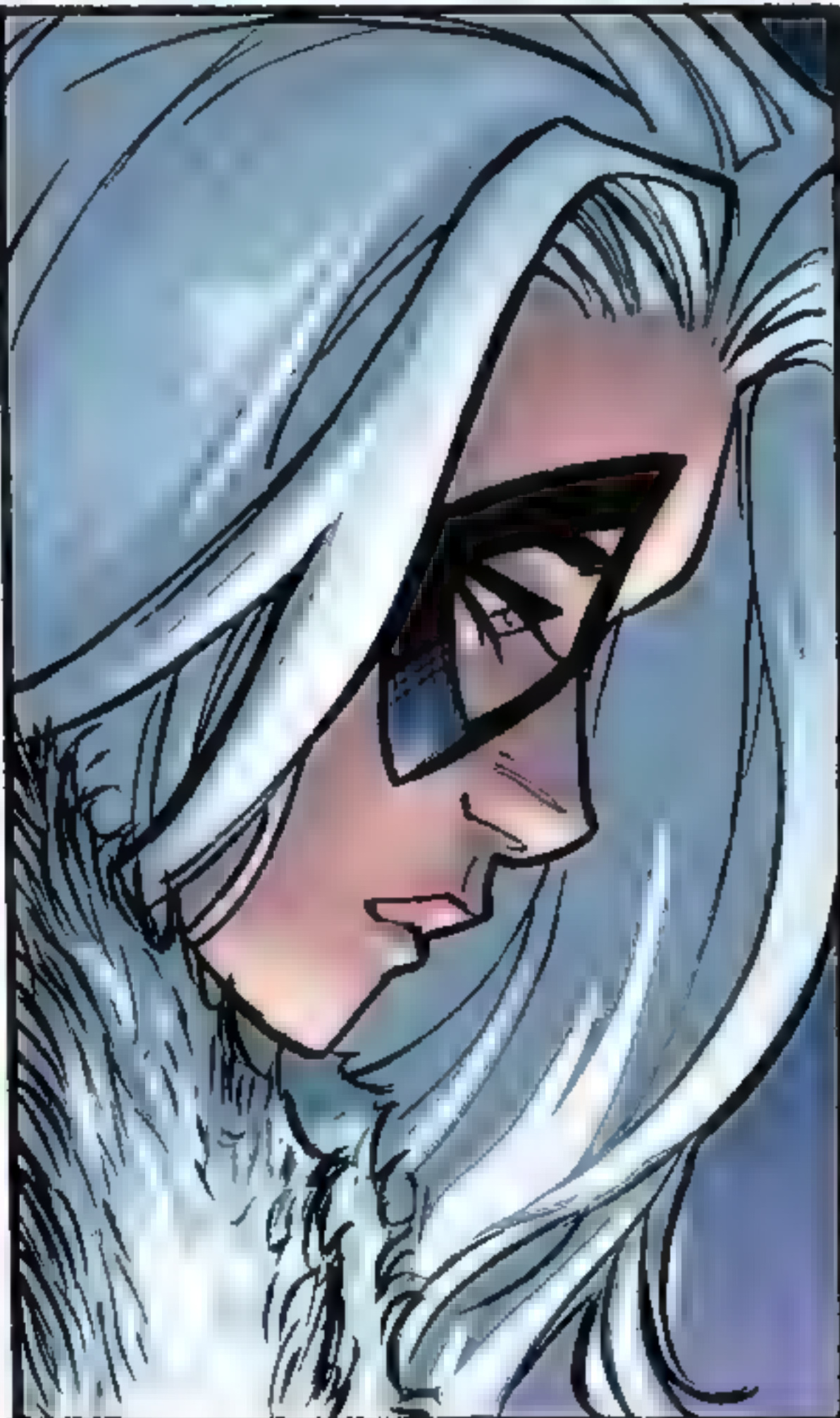
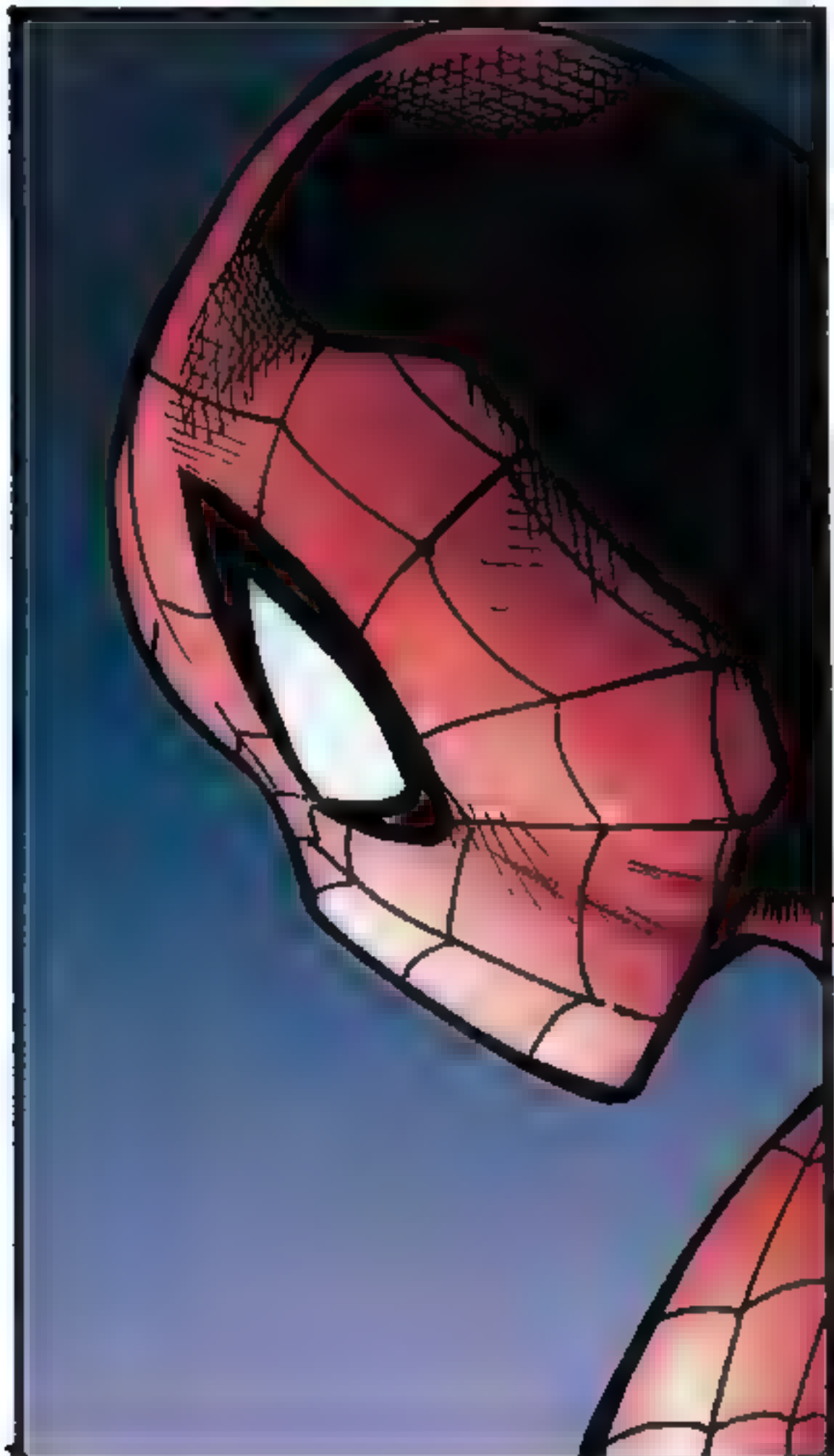
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW THAT FEELS?!



IT'S NOT THAT I'M HUNG UP ON YOU. EVERYBODY ALWAYS THINKS THAT, BUT I'M NOT. SURE, I TEASE YOU SOMETIMES, BUT--

--WE DID **SHARE** SOMETHING. REAL FEELINGS. IT'S LIKE A PART OF MY LIFE WENT MISSING. AND I DESERVE TO REMEMBER--I DESERVE--

I DESERVE **BETTER** THAN THAT.



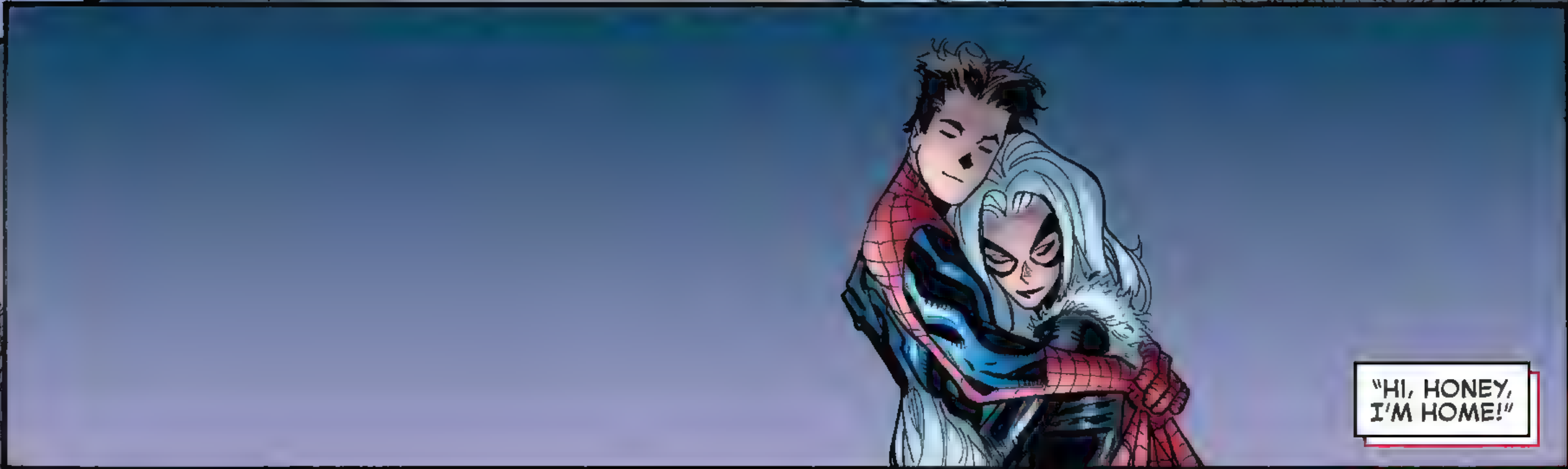
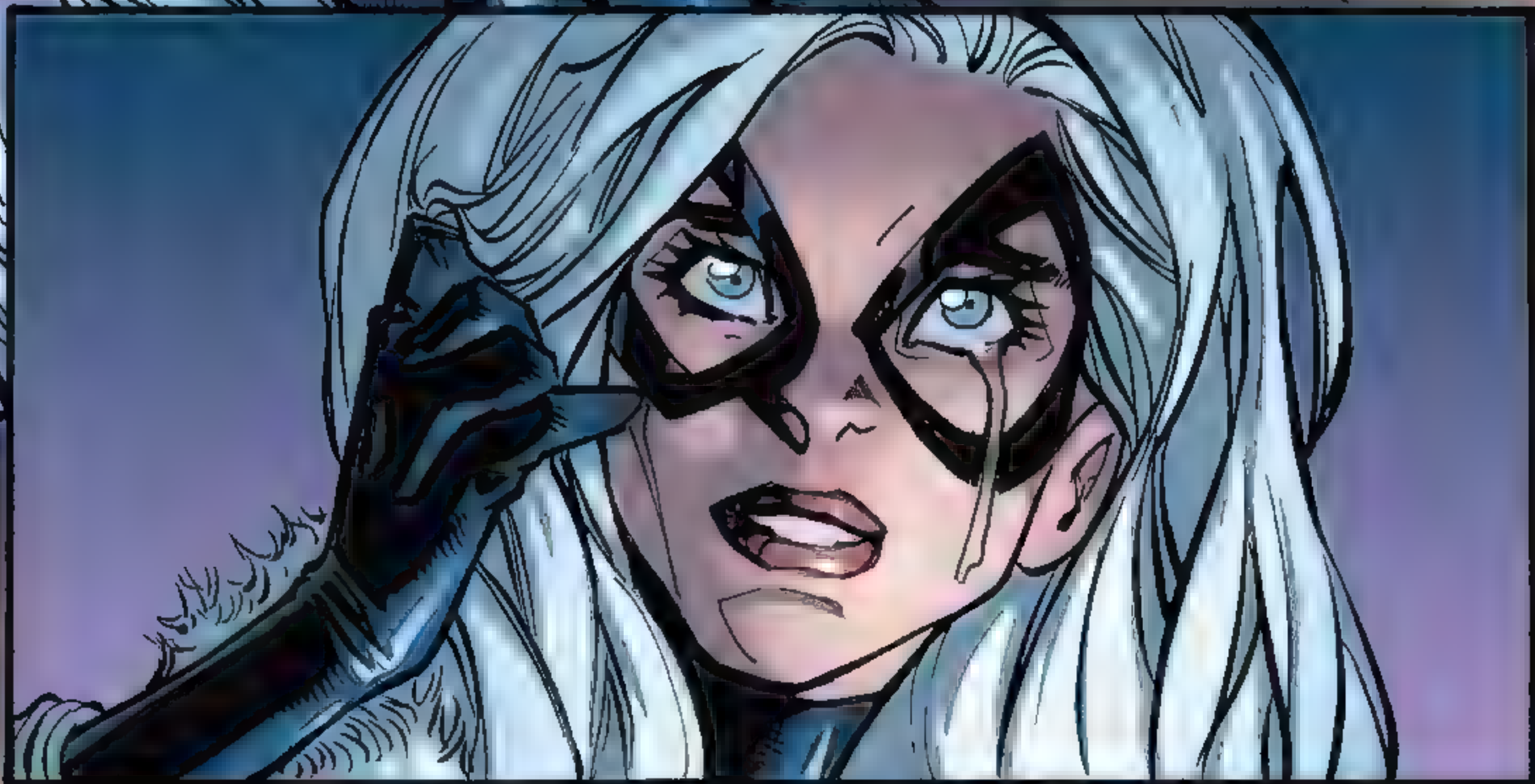
FELICIA, HEY--

A comic book panel showing Spider-Man and Silver Sable on a rooftop at night. Spider-Man is on the left, wearing his red and blue suit, looking at Silver Sable. Silver Sable is on the right, wearing her black and blue suit with long silver hair, looking back at him. The background is a dark blue night sky with some clouds.

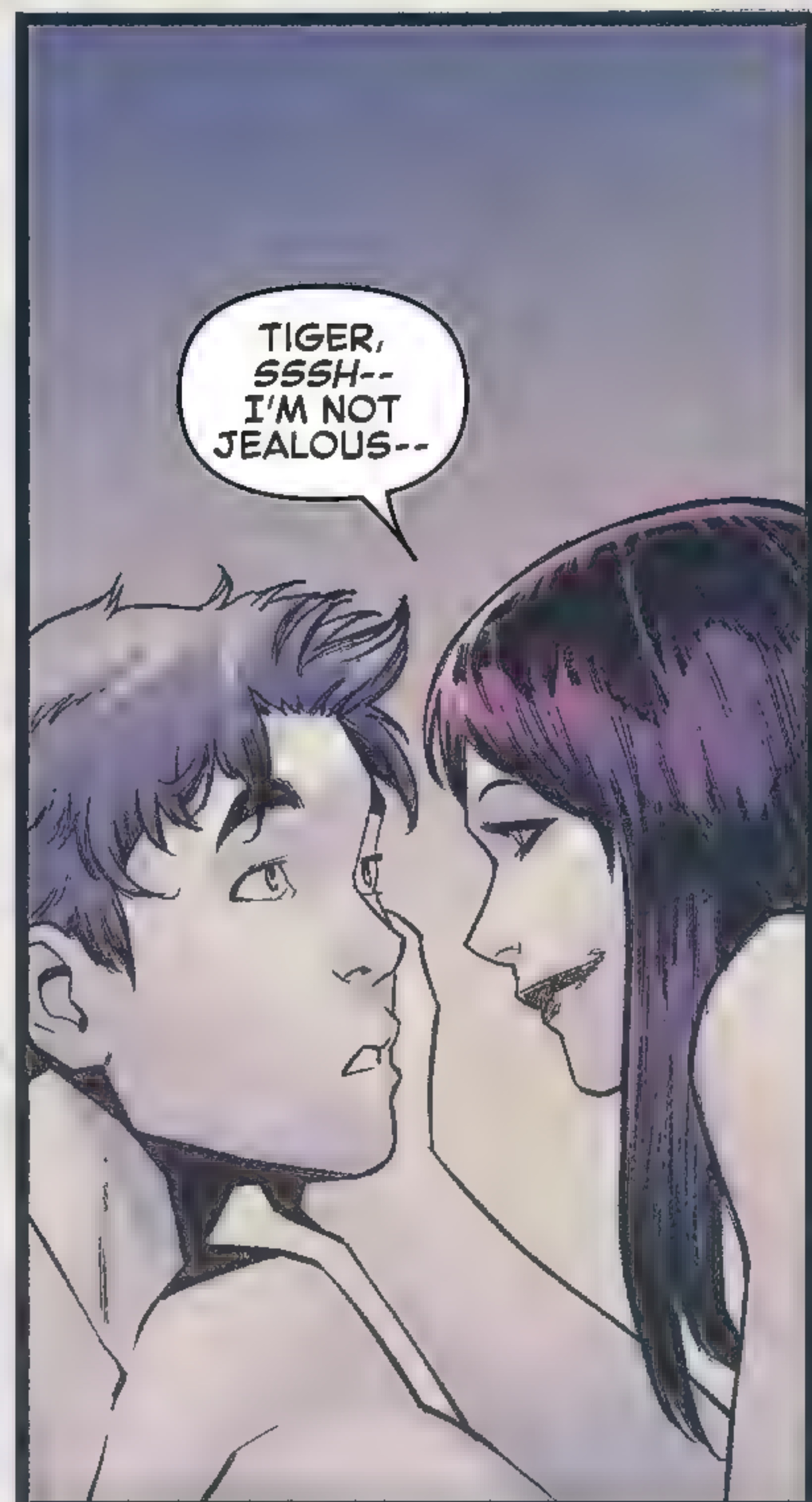
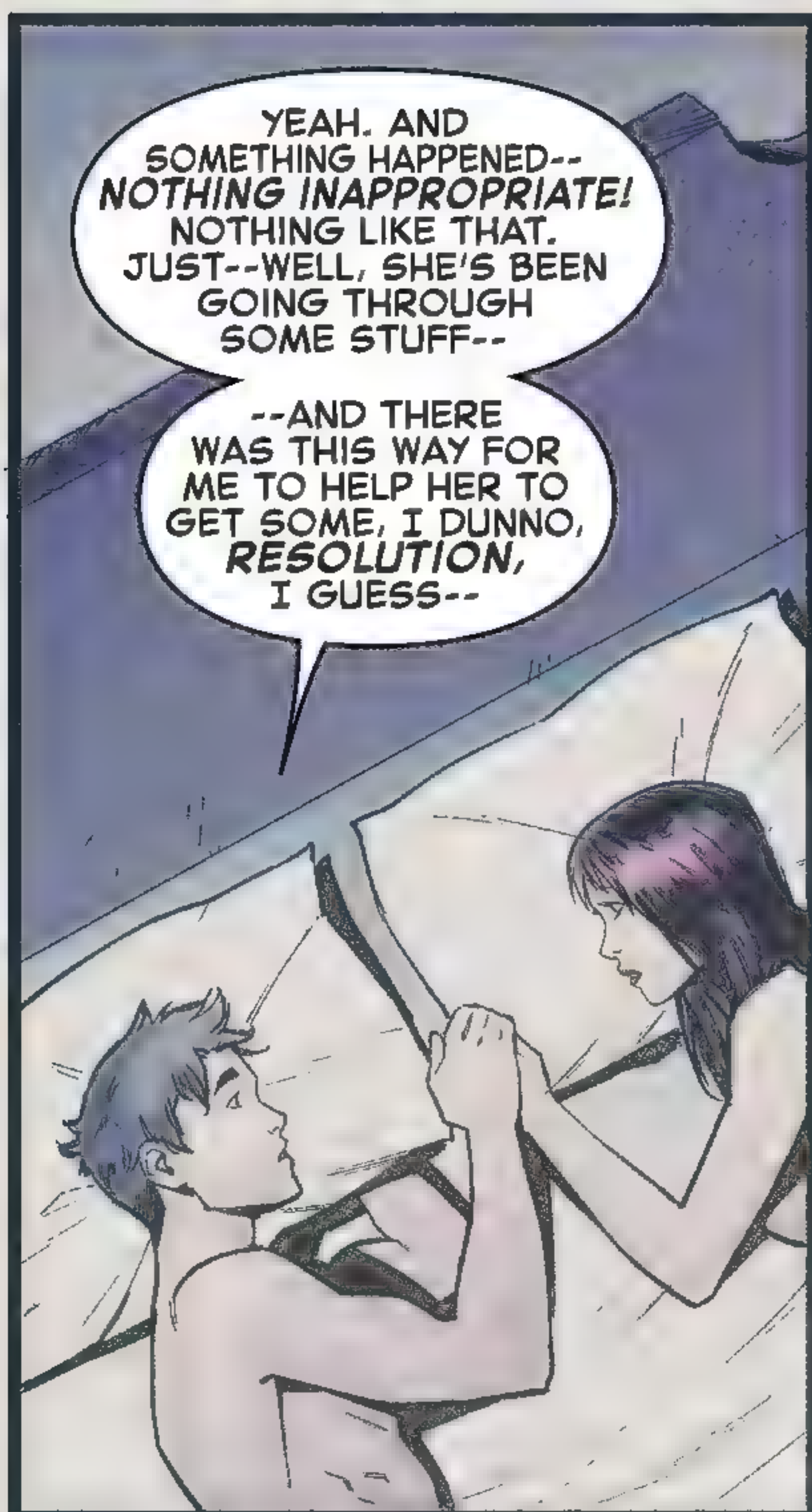
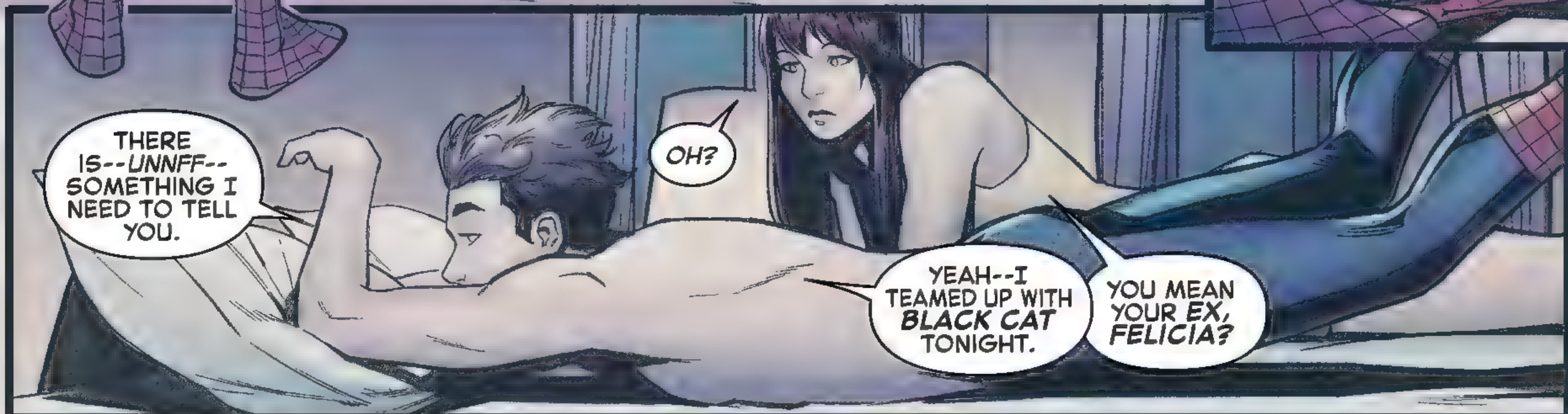
MY
NAME'S
PETE.

BUT--CAN
YOU STILL KEEP
CALLING ME
SPIDER? BECAUSE
IT ACTUALLY MAKES
ME SOUND
SUPER-COOL.

LIKE A
SUPER-COOL
BIKER.



"HI, HONEY,
I'M HOME!"





"I KNOW I'M
INDISPENSABLE."

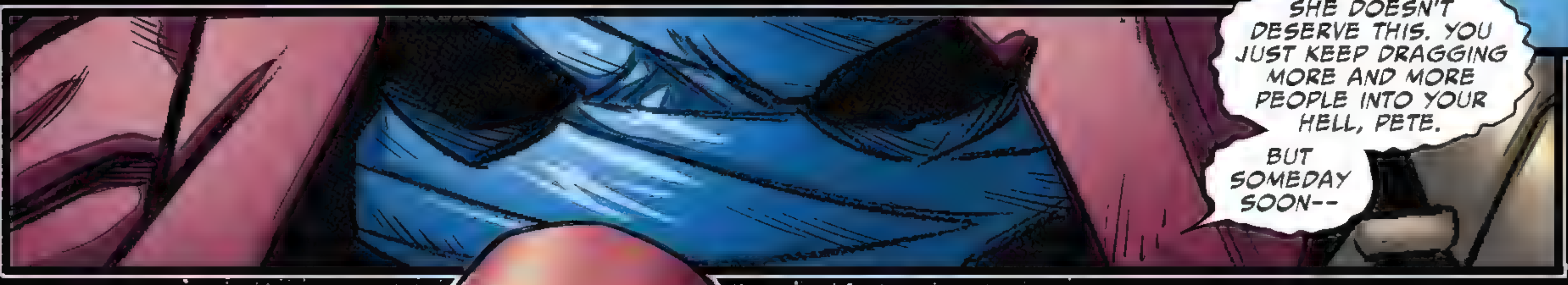
HER?



HER?!



KRASH



SHE DOESN'T
DESERVE THIS. YOU
JUST KEEP DRAGGING
MORE AND MORE
PEOPLE INTO YOUR
HELL, PETE.

BUT
SOMEDAY
SOON--



--IT'LL
JUST BE
ME AND
YOU...

**TO BE
CONTINUED!**



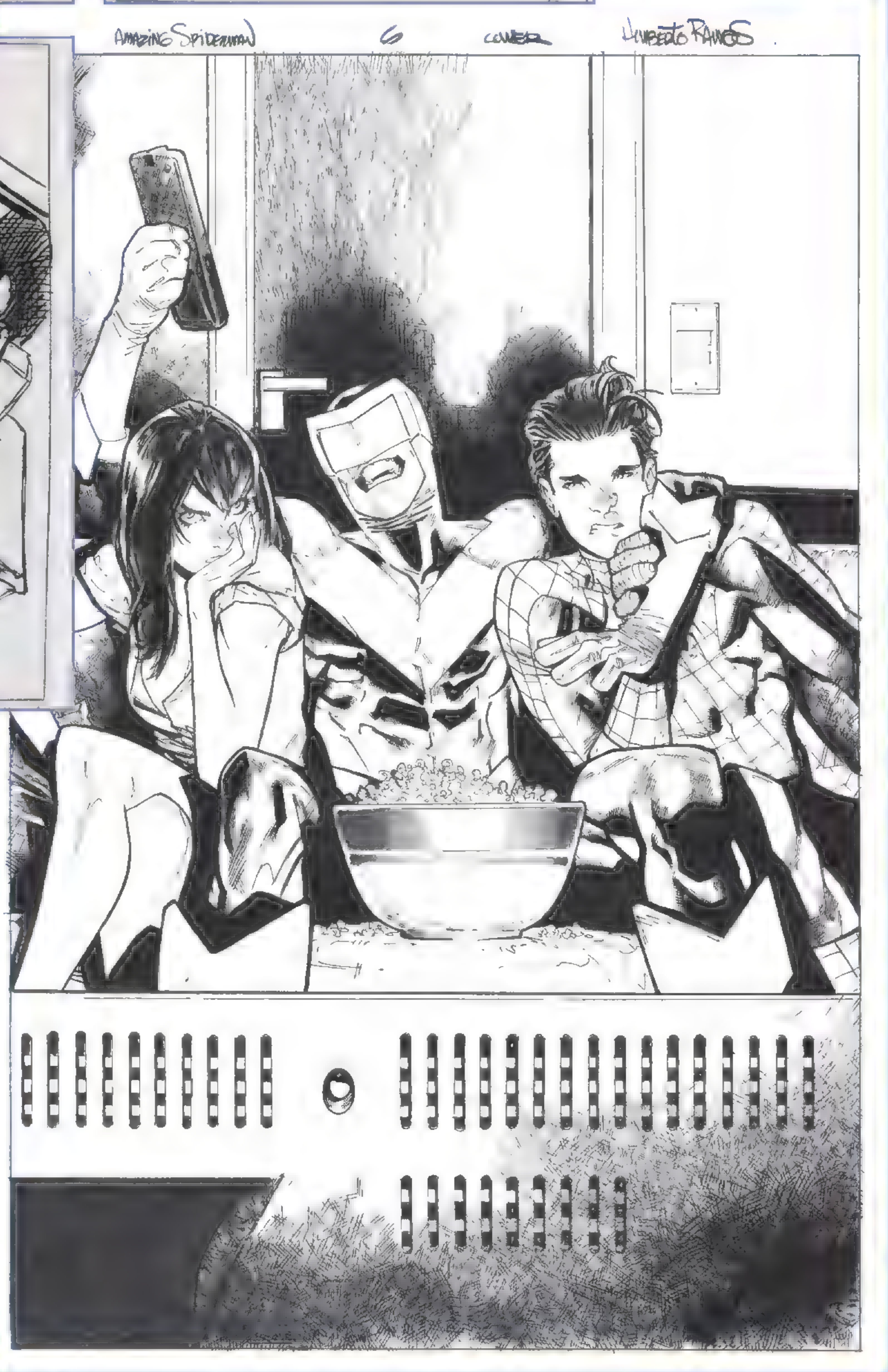
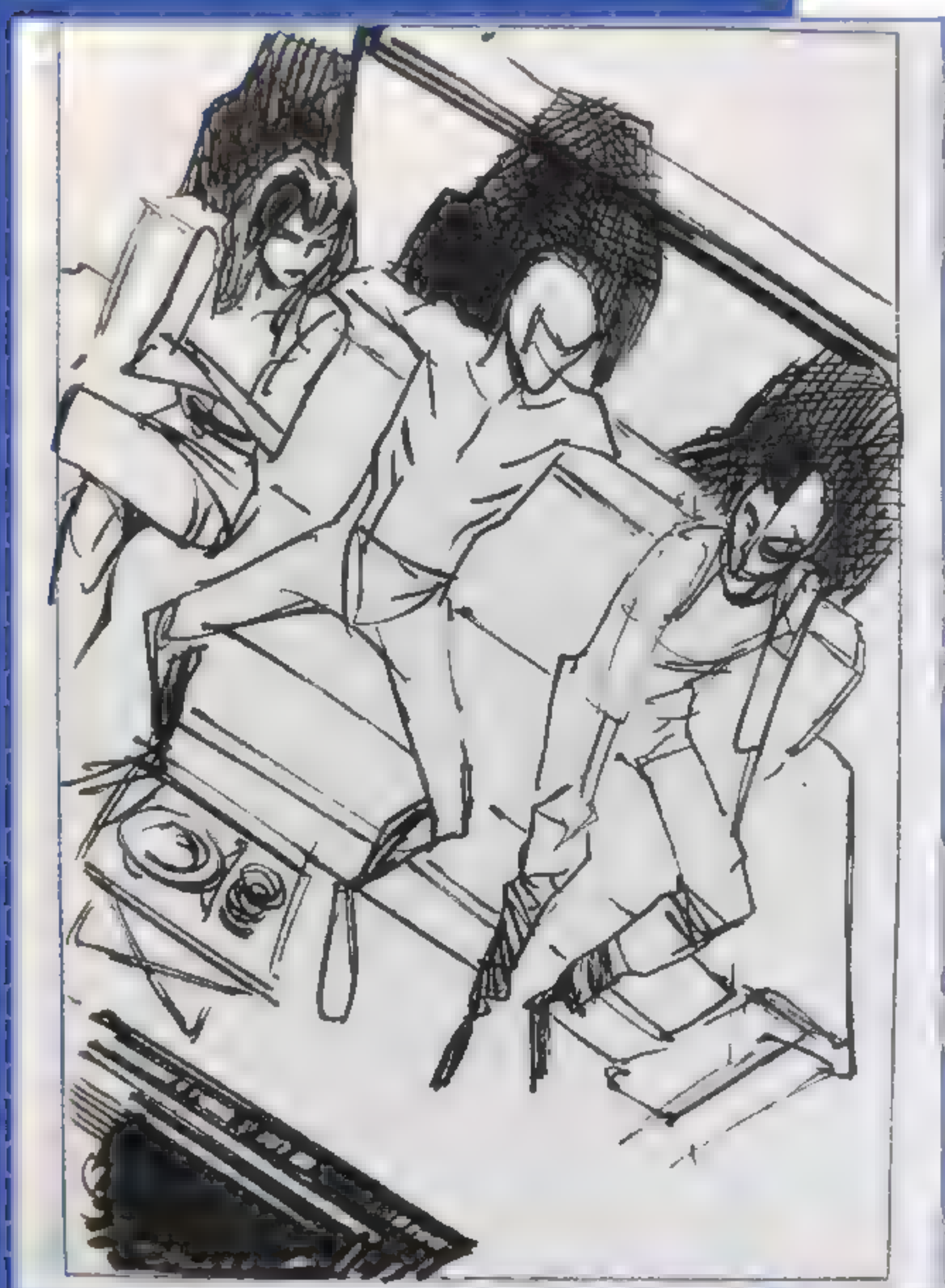




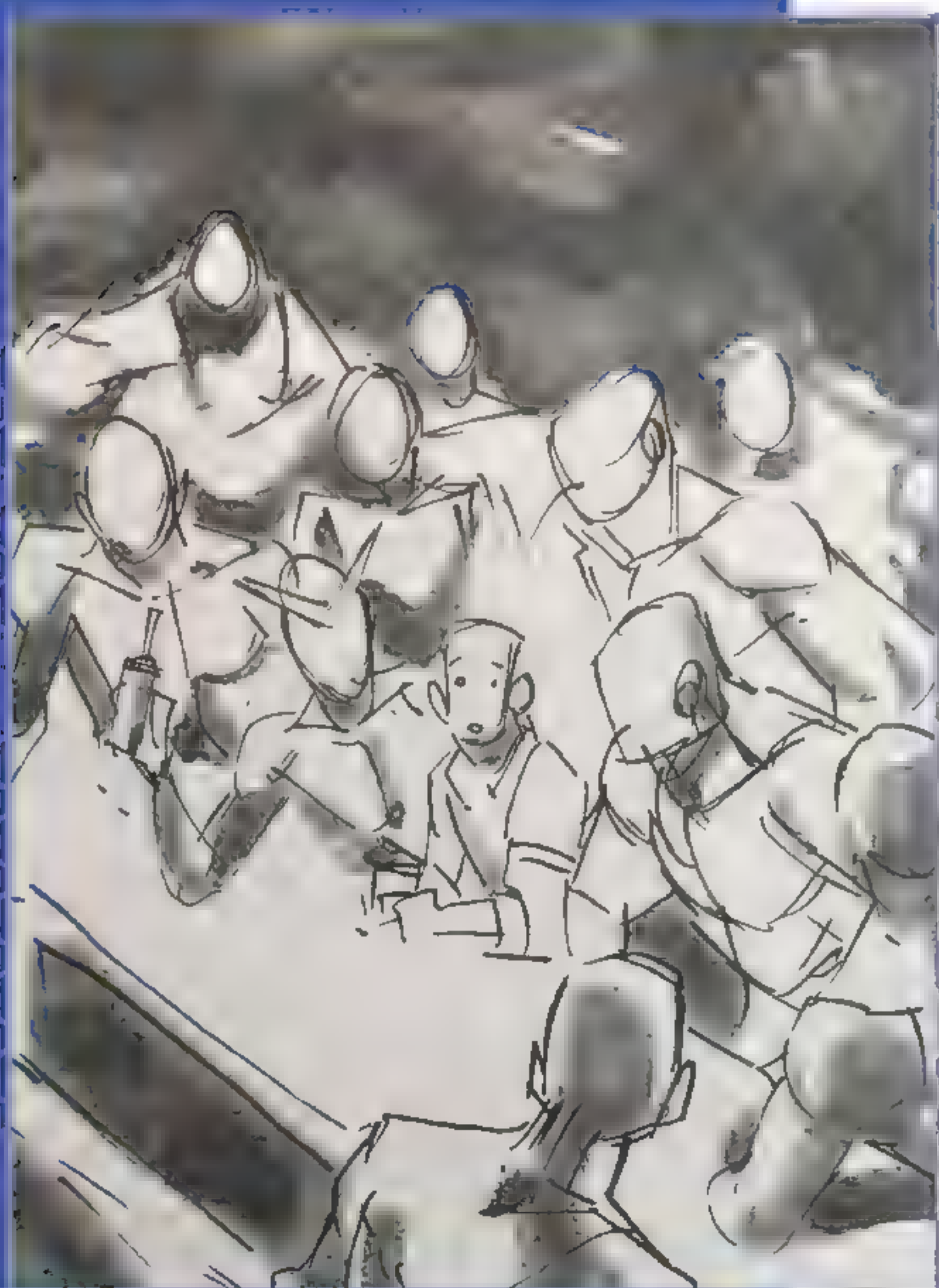
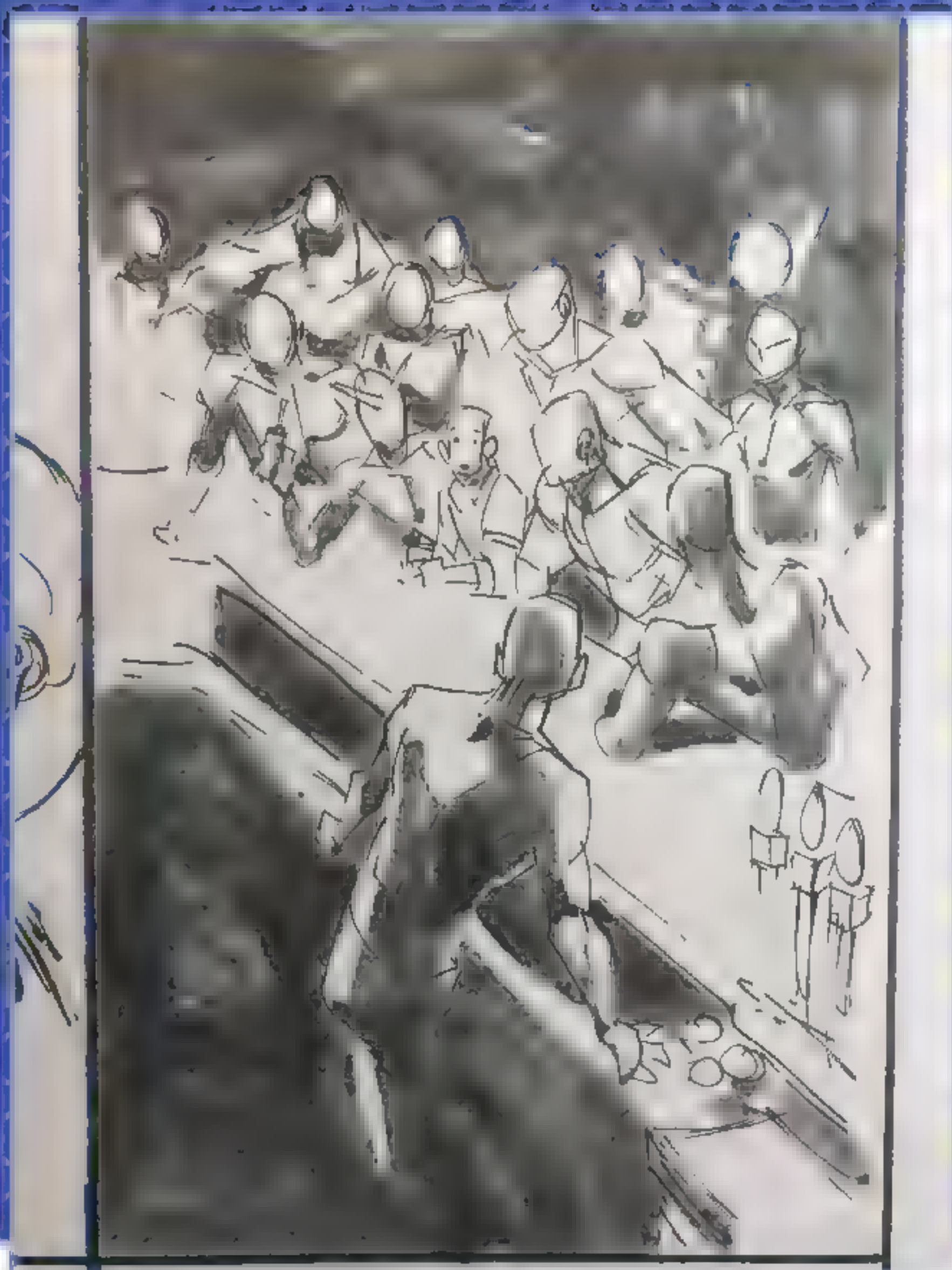
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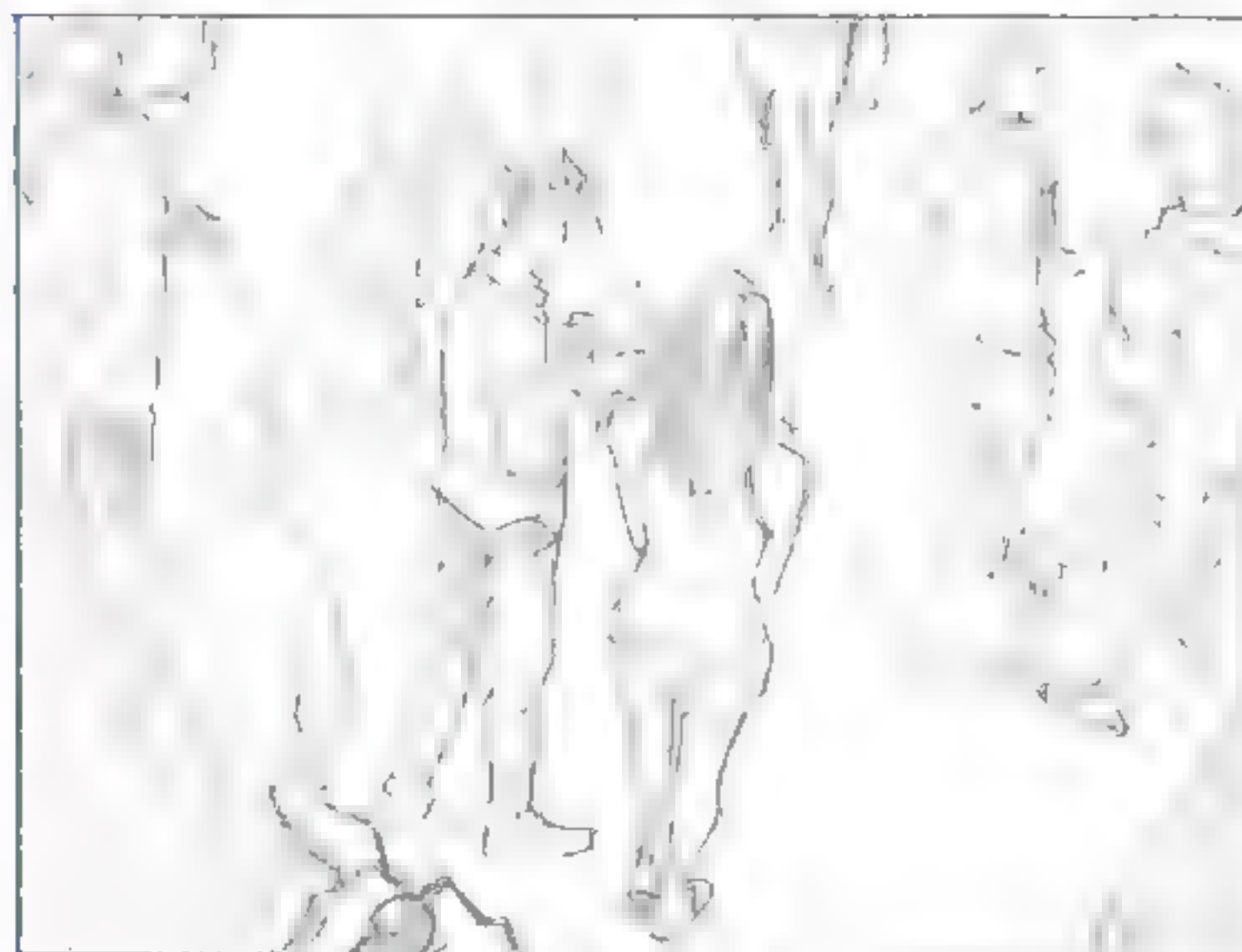
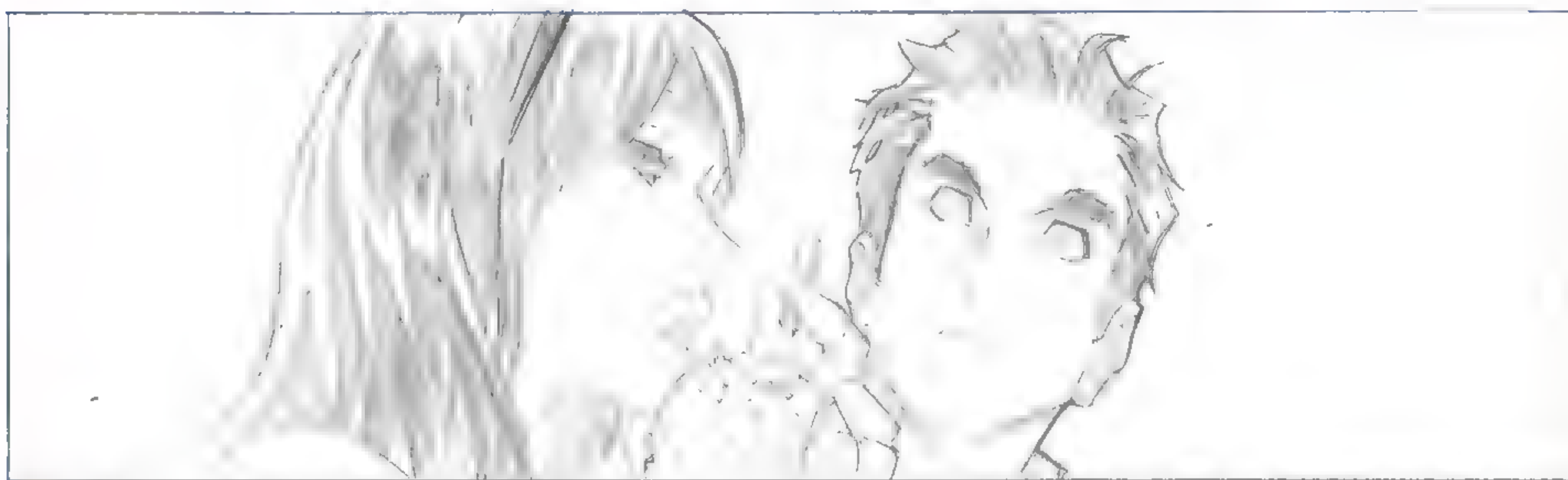






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“Peter Parker’s life may just rival his super hero life in this excellent take on the character.”

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EVERYONE AROUND PETER PARKER THREATENS ***TO THROW HIS LIFE INTO CHAOS!***

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